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Chocolate mountain

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A NEW record has been set for MK NEWS and OneMK's Christmas Selection Box Appeal after more than 1,000 were collected for brave children and their families in Milton Keynes.

Thanks to the support of our readers, we have smashed last year's total of 833 with a whopping 1,250 boxes for Emily's Star.

The charity was set up to raise awareness of serious genetic condition Trisomy 18 after sufferer Emily Mainwaring died 26 days after she was born in 2012.

Emily's mum Katie Elmer, pictured picking up the mountain high pile of boxes, said: "It is truly overwhelming and I really didn't think we would get this many.

"I just wanted to match last year to make children smile. Not only have we beaten it but we had added an extra 50 per cent."

Emily's Star now grants wishes to families who have a child with a life limiting illness and makes neonatal boxes for mums and their premature or underweight babies.

Katie, from Bancroft, has already donated some of the selection boxes to The Redway School in Netherfield, which teaches children with special needs.

Yesterday they where handed out in the children's ward and neonatal units at Milton Keynes University Hospital.

The hospital's corporate fundraiser Jenny Howells said: "We are really thankful to Katie, the team at Emily's Star and your readers for making this happen."

Due to the huge number of boxes, the charity will also be giving some of them to children and their families at Willen Hospice, Milton Keynes Food Bank and other charities that support youngsters like The Henry Allen Trust and Harry's Rainbow.

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It's a wrap: Rebekah Eldridge with boyfriend Rueben Fiander. *Inset*, the papered bedroom

Papering bedroom – Rebekah style

BY MAY BULMAN
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A GIRLFRIEND has played the ultimate festive prank on her boyfriend – by covering his entire bedroom in Christmas wrapping paper.

Rebekah Eldridge, 23, of Shenley Lodge, noticed that her boyfriend Rueben Fiander 'hadn't had any Christmas spirit at all on the run up to Christmas', so decided to wrap everything in his room while he was out.

"He was being a right Scrooge so I thought I would hype him up a little," she said.

"I'd seen someone do something similar with cling film, so thought I'd try it out with wrapping paper."

But Reuben's reaction was far from jolly, as he stared around the transformed room in dismay.

To make matters worse, Rebekah didn't even stay to help him unwrap everything. "The only thing I unwrapped was the cupboard on the wall to get my Oreo cookies out before I left him to it," she laughed.

The prank, which took Rebekah around three hours to set up, adds to the ongoing tricks that the couple play on each other and upload to their social media channel, Reubekah Vidz.

"We are both quite jokey people, so we glue well together in that way, and this is how ReuBekah Vidz started," she added.

"I have a few more festive ideas up my sleeve for over Christmas . . . we'll see how they pan out. Watch this space!"

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Thief suspect is caught in action on CCTV

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A SUSPECTED burglar has been caught on CCTV, minutes before he is thought to have stolen tools worth approximately £8,000.

High-performance equipment such as disc cutters, drills and strimmers were taken from a shed and van in Highland Drive, Broughton Gate, at about 3.27am on Thursday.

The footage, captured minutes before by a neighbour in Hulme End, shows a man inspecting cars with a torch before walking away.

The victim, a mother-of-two who did not want to be named, told MK NEWS her husband is currently out of work and the theft had shocked her family.

She said: "The CCTV is from our neighbour's house at 3.21am, and then we can see him on our own CCTV at 3.27am. Our footage is blurry, but you can tell it's the same person.

"The shed door had been smashed in and the van door was damaged.

"The tools are expensive, but it is not just about the business. It has affected us as a family – my son keeps asking me about the bad man.

"Breaking into the work van is bad, but the shed was actually in our garden, so it was horrible to see that damage in our own space."

The family were asleep at the time of the offence and Thames Valley Police has said it will looking at the CCTV.

Since sharing the footage on social media, the mother has heard from several others in the city who have recently suffered similar crimes.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the police on 101.

Caught on CCTV: The suspected thief

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New arrival: Baby Riley with mum and dad

Baby boy for hit-and-run victim

A HEAVILY pregnant woman, left on the brink of losing her baby after a hit-and-run driver crashed into her, has given birth to a baby boy.

Jennifer Hockley, 31, was seven months pregnant when the driver hit her on her way home from work in Kiln Farm on August 20 and was left with severe bruising on her neck and stomach – putting a safe pregnancy in doubt.

She was left with horrific bruising to her baby bump, but against all the odds, she gave birth to a baby boy, Riley, last month.

Jennifer said: "I'm absolutely delighted.

"When the car hit, I thought I was going to lose my baby so to see Riley fit and healthy is such a blessing.

"We still don't have a clue who was responsible but Riley's the most important thing now, we've got to put him first and look to move on."

Police are still searching for a man driving a Mitsubishi Shogun who failed to stop after the incident. Anyone with information should call 101.

'Spat on' pizza and dips order

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A CUSTOMER has claimed a Domino's Pizza manager told her he had spat on her pizza after she complained about her order.

Stacey Baxter, 23, a client support assistant at Life Search, and her partner Dean Guess, *pictured*, found two out-of-date dips with their pizza on Friday night and rang the store.

After several heated phone conversations, a replacement order was dispatched to Dean's home in Mullion Place, Fishermead.

But when Stacey refused to return the out-of-date dips – one of which was dated August, 2015 – the manager of

the Oldbrook store allegedly told her he had spat on their tandoori chicken pizza.

Domino's has since confirmed an apology will be made to Stacey. A spokesman said: "We would like to thank Ms Baxter for raising her concerns and giving us the opportunity to address them.

"Unfortunately, there was a mix-up with the dips with a new team member who has now been retrained on date management. The store manager has apologised for any miscommunication and assured us that under no circumstances was any threat made to Ms Baxter's food."

Speaking to MK NEWS, Stacey said: "Words cannot describe how vile the manager was. I wanted to show the dips to environmental health, and it was also because of his behaviour on the phone I didn't return them. All I want is an apology, a refund, and something to suggest this won't happen again."

Stacey had also complained the chicken strippers with the order were discoloured and that the potato wedges were cold.

Two sent to jail for possession of drugs

TWO men have been sent to prison for drugs offences.

Kenny Garcia and Malcolm N'Diaye were sentenced at Aylesbury Crown Court last Tuesday after being arrested in Kirkham Court, Loughton, on October 23.

Garcia, 21, of Newham, London, had pleaded guilty at the same court on November 30 to possession with intent to supply cocaine and possession with intent to supply heroin. He was sentenced to five-and-a-half years for each count, to run concurrently. He was also ordered to pay £1,020 costs.

N'Diaye, 23, of Drew Road, London, had also pleaded guilty on November 30 to assaulting a police constable and possession of a controlled drug – cannabis.

He was sentenced to four months in jail for the assault and ordered to pay £150 compensation. He was also sentenced to three months for the drugs offence, to run concurrently, and ordered to pay £980 costs.

The secret is out as park numbers rise

VISITOR numbers to Bletchley Park have soared from 196,000 to more than 280,000 over the past 12 months.

The Imitation Game starring Benedict Cumberbatch has inspired people to discover the secret story of codebreaking in the Second World War and new exhibitions have given visitors an even better insight into this hidden history.

Royalty visited Bletchley Park in July when the museum's patron, HRH The Duke of Kent, opened The Road to Bletchley Park, based on the First World War.

Gordon Welchman: Architect of Ultra Intelligence was another successful exhibition in 2015.

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We need wardens

MK NEWS is publishing a letter sent to us and to Milton Keynes councillor Nigel Long.

I AM a resident at the Chartwell Road Sheltered House Scheme in Newport Pagnell.

You are welcome to visit any time.

I attended the council meeting on Monday, December 14 to listen to discussions on the Draft Council Budget 2016/2017.

I would like to make some observations and comments.

Firstly, I would like to state that I am not political. If there was a party to support it would be the commonsense party.

So, moving on.

I had studied much of the detail online previously so at least I could understand much of the presentation from Robert Middleton. It dragged on somewhat.

As you will have realised, that was not what the majority in the gallery had come to hear.

It took a while to get to what the gallery wanted to hear. The speaker appeared a decent and honest man but I was not sure about his conviction.

I was fearful that, because of the subject matter and the method of presentation, much of the gallery was frustrated.

I fear that the opportunity was lost, with those especially there for the sheltered housing item, to reach out and strongly flesh out the case.

Mr Long, I believe that a golden opportunity to bond with the gallery audience was missed.

Everybody, (even your advisers) knew that the elderly would turn out in force. It was no wonder that you heard rumbles and grumbles. The majority in the gallery were aged 70 years and over. Many had to stand. Since 6pm. No extra chairs. No brownie points there.

You would, however, have had the opportunity to maximise your personal position by making a decision to move away from the set-piece agenda and bring forward the only item that those good people wanted to discuss. I do not care about 'procedure' and all that.

Instead you lost any friends that you may have had with reduced speaking times and treating those folk with disdain. On that I say shame on you. Those solid members of our society deserve to be heard, to be respected and treated as equals with you and your colleagues. I can tell you, from comments that I overheard, those fine people will have long memories come election time.

Now to the nitty gritty.

The sum in question is small in relation to the overall council budget.

The importance of the Sheltered Housing Service is ENORMOUS.

I cannot believe that your advisers and colleagues thought that this could slip through without being noticed. In earlier draft budget spreadsheets this item warranted just one line. It effectively read 'we do not need wardens as residents have alarms'. The reference to alarms was withdrawn from the current papers.

Of course alarms cannot replace real, live people.

This whole subject is horribly emotive. I do not have the broad breadth of language to express adequately my disappointment at the double standards that I hear and read from your colleagues and council staff.

Others, more disciplined in their use of wonderful adjectives in our English language, have already, and will continue to do so, expressed their thoughts and feelings through the media. I do not need to add to those.

Geoffrey John O'Brien
Sent via email

More about this on page 7

Send picture to win a funny prize

This week's photograph was taken at Oakridge by Marie Christine Smith

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Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

AS WE wave goodbye to 2015, the realisation sinks in that still no-one is being transported around the city centre in driverless electric pods. Did anyone really believe that would happen?

On the plus side, it seems MK Council has scrapped plans to reduce the width of parking spaces. With the New Year around the corner, staff at the City Life office have been brainstorming some great new ideas for Milton Keynes in 2016. Here are my favourites:

1) A Nando's on every estate and every local centre. It seems that MK residents can't get enough of the spicy chicken, so it's only a matter of time before the new expansion happens.

2) More roundabouts and speed reductions on the grid roads. Following on from the bewildering changes to the Kingston Roundabout, the V3 Fulmer Street is the latest fast road to have a 40mph limit applied along with a new double roundabout at Furzton.

3) New, overcrowded housing estates with no gardens, no privacy and ugly looking blocks of flats built after all the other houses have been bought off-plan.

4) More discussion and deliberation about the introduction of traffic-busting trams in the city centre. It really would make sense, but no-one's prepared to put the money up.

5) With controversy still raging about a third runway at Heathrow, here's a chance to really put Milton Keynes on the map and build an international airport – somewhere between Netherfield and Coffee Hall.

All that's left for me to say is have a Happy Christmas and New Year, thanks for reading and stopping me in the street to talk about this column and I'll see you in 2016. Cheers.

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Taken: Patrice Critchley believes her pet chihuahua was stolen to make a Christmas present for someone

'Stolen dog Tia will be present'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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A DOG owner believes her chihuahua may be the 'perfect Christmas present', after a burglar stole her beloved pet from her home.

Patrice Critchley was working in a clubhouse only '80 steps away' when Tia, her three-year-old fawn-coloured bitch, was taken from her home on Three Locks Golf Course in Great Brickhill on Wednesday, December 9.

Nothing else was taken in the burglary and Patrice, who owns the golf course with her husband Peter, believes her pet was stolen to be a gift this Christmas.

She said: "Tia is the perfect Christmas present – she is very pretty and an easy dog to care for. She would be perfect for breeding, which is what I wanted to do in the future.

"We have looked around the area, put posters up, spoken to friends and posted on Facebook.

"We have done everything we can."

Patrice went to work at about 11am and raised the alarm when she returned at 6pm. Peter left the house shortly afterwards and the burglary is believed to have taken place before noon.

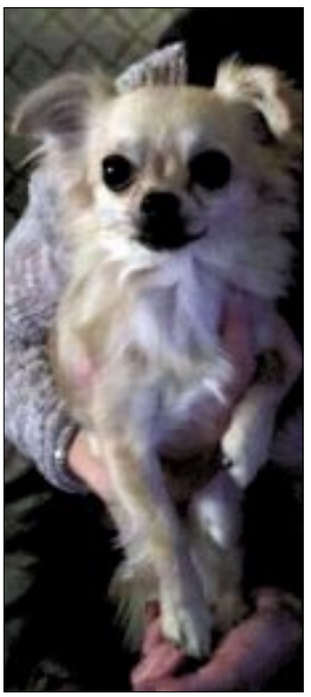
Patrice added: "Normally I would be popping back, but I was away for most of the day because we had a wake on.

"About an hour later, Peter briefly came back and saw the door slightly ajar but thought nothing of it.

"Our door is quite loud to open and close, so it would have attracted attention. Tia would usually go yapping at the door when people came too.

"I came home and immediately thought where is Tia? We knew we had definitely shut her in the house and she has never run off."

Anyone with any information that could help Thames Valley Police in its investigation is urged to call 101.



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Teenager charged

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy has been charged with burglary after a premises was broken into in Lambourn Court, Emerson Valley, on December 4. He has also been charged with handling stolen goods.

Mum thanks officers

MOTHER-OF-TWO Tracy Palmer has thanked police officers who stayed with her after she crashed her car on the A507 roundabout near the Amazon Distribution Centre. More at onemk.co.uk

Restaurant reopens

STAFF and visitors had free tea and sandwiches when MK University Hospital's restaurant reopened.

Police front counters to close

POLICE front counters in Bletchley, Newport Pagnell and Wolverton are to be closed to the public by next April, Thames Valley Police (TVP) has announced.

This means that CMK station will be the only police counter open to the public in Milton Keynes.

It will be open from 8am to 10pm seven days a week – instead of its current 24 hours a day.

The news follows the closure of Woburn Sands and Olney police information points in February, as well as the closure of two 'non-public facing' offices in Bradville and Conniburrow as part of TVP's asset management plan to save £44.6million over the next three years.

Council backtrack welcomed

AGE UK Milton Keynes is pleased MK Council has backtracked on its initial plans to scrap wardens in sheltered housing, but remains 'concerned' about the future of the service.

As MK NEWS previously reported, the initial proposal aimed to save about £560,000.

The plan, which would have seen more than 100 warden jobs scrapped, led to fears for the safety of elderly people living in sheltered housing.

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On the hunt for finds: Metal detectors Mel Bannister, *left*, and Mick Billingham

Club discovering growing interest

BY PHILIP MCELENEY
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THE popularity of metal detecting in Milton Keynes is on the rise, with a local club seeing a jump in membership applications in the last eight months.

And a growing number of youngsters are showing an interest in the hobby, highlighted by popular TV comedy Detectorists, according to the club Magiovinium – named after an old Roman settlement near Fenny Stratford.

Chairman Colin Ashcroft said: "We've seen a lot more applications for membership in the last eight months. I don't think that's particularly due to Detectorists – which is very funny by the way."

But the club, which has around 30 members, is also facing a growing problem – the use of 'green waste', which can contain metals, as a compost on farmland.

Long-serving member Mick Billingham said: "You don't know what it is when your detector is going off so you have to dig it up because it might be something good.

"It's a shame because there's some farmland where we've just had to say we can't use it anymore because of this green waste."

Mick has previously had some great finds, including a gold Roman coin from 53BC. But he said: " I'm not going to tell you where I found it because then everyone will be down there."

There are important heritage reasons for keeping the locations close to their chest, with the threat of 'night hawkers' – people who go out detecting at night without paying fees or declaring treasure they find.

Any find discovered by club members is examined by a liaison officer who will then pass it on to a coroner for inspection if they think it may be valuable.

The coroner then decides if it's treasure and, if it is, will give a local museum the chance to buy it for a price, which is then split between the landowner and the person who found it.

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MILTON Keynes Council has joined forces with neighbouring counties to join the Economic Heartland – which sees local authorities joining together to try and improve transport links and infrastructure. More online at **www.onemk.co.uk**

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ORGANISATIONS including the NHS, Mind and Age UK Milton Keynes are urging residents to keep an eye on lonely and elderly people over the Christmas period. Find out how you can help online at **www.onemk.co.uk**

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A PROJECT to regenerate seven of the most deprived areas of MK has moved closer after MK Council appointed Mears Group to deliver the plans, as well as repairs and maintenance.

Hunt for present owner

A SELFLESS shopper has taken to Facebook to try to track down a person who left a Christmas present on a train ride at Middleton Hall in the centre:mk.

Lauren Partner found the Ralph Lauren perfume at about 4.30pm on Sunday, with the receipt still in the bag, and she is now hoping that the power of social media can help trace the mystery shopper who now will be one present short.

Lauren said on Facebook: "I found this perfume on the train ride at Middleton Hall about 45 minutes ago – the receipt was in the bag!

"Please contact me if it was yours. There is a card number on the receipt so I would like you to confirm the card number so I know it was yours."

You can contact her on Facebook if you know who the gift belongs to.

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Punter who gave away cash found

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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MK NEWS can now reveal the identity of the generous gambler who gave away cash to charities and passersby after a big win at The Casino MK in Xscape.

Lee Connell, 23, a maintenance engineer from Fenny Stratford, left the casino in the early hours of Saturday, December 12, after winning more than £2,000 on roulette.

But rather than rush home to splash the cash in an online shopping binge, he decided to spread a little festive joy.

In total, he gave away about £1,000 in a five-hour period to McDonald's customers and its charities and passersby outside Xscape.

Speaking to MK NEWS, Lee said: "I had seen a video of a man giving out money and wishing people a merry Christmas and I thought I'd do something similar.

"I put money in the collection tins in McDonald's, but they were quite small and I couldn't fit any more in. There was a young family who had such polite children, so I gave the dad money and told him to spend it on presents.

Big winner: Lee Connell gave away £1,000 after a bet paid off at the casino. MK NEWS appealed for him to come forward

"Two cleaners told me they could not accept the money, so I hid £100 in the bin for them. When they found it, they came out and hugged me."

Lee won after his £50 bet on number 16 paid off and he admitted he had never been so lucky at a casino before.

Charlotte Duthie, a friend of Lee's, said: "When I found out, it made me very happy and proud to know him. Normally when people win at the casino they just take it home and boast about it."

Lee added: "I've been taken aback by the reaction to the story. My friends and family could not believe what I had done."

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Star Wars film fans awaken to the Force

FILM fans were transported to the light or dark side when they went to see the new blockbuster Star Wars: The Force Awakens at the Odeon cinema near stadiummk.

This eagerly-awaited film release on Thursday was made even more exciting as the cinema was one of just 13 across the UK to have special entrances for guests to go through, choosing their path as a Jedi or Sith.

Confusion over parking tickets

BY CHRIS KNIGHT
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DRIVERS are being asked what needs to be done to prevent them from getting fines after paying for parking at the wrong machines.

The appeal has come from National Car Parks (NCP) after another unsuspecting driver was fined for mistakenly paying at a Milton Keynes Council-owned machine after parking at the NCP in North Eleventh Street, Central Milton Keynes.

Mother-of-one Alex Pye, 28, was fined £35 on September 23 for paying at a council machine and parking at the centre:mk 2 NCP car park.

MK NEWS has previously been contacted by readers who have received parking fines in similar circumstances and a spokesman for NCP has asked for ideas on how to clear the confusion.

The spokesman added: "NCP is working hard to address the problems that can occur when you have two separate car parks located in the same area, run by different companies.

"We do completely appreciate that in this case the customer had every intention to pay NCP for their parking. With this in mind we are happy to refund the ticket as a gesture of good will."

There are 15 signs around the perimeter of the NCP, 14 floor markings reading 'NCP pay machines' with a directional arrow and notices on surrounding pay machines of other car parks stating 'To pay use central NCP machines'.

Mrs Pye, from Houghton Regis, said the notice was pinned to the back of the council machine she paid at, meaning it was hidden from her view. She added: "As it approaches Christmas, I feel many visitors like myself will get caught out."

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Commons touch to brewery beer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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BEER from a brewery in Bow Brickhill will soon bring cheer to MPs at Westminster.

Hornes Brewery – run by husband and wife Ryan Horne and Colette Morris – was set up in March this year and its beer will be sold in Strangers Bar from February.

Ryan, 38, from Bow Brickhill, said: "I was absolutely delighted and over the moon when I heard. I never expected it to happen, particularly in our first year of opening the business

"I look forward to pulling a pint behind their bar, which I believe you get the chance to do."

Ryan met MP for Milton Keynes South, Iain Stewart, in August. After being impressed with the business, Mr Stewart not only wrote to the banqueting department with regard to it being supplied by the brewery, he also gave a gift set of ales to Prime Minister David Cameron for Christmas.

Ryan said: "We installed the brewery in March but didn't start selling until June and our products are now scattered around free houses in and surrounding Milton Keynes, including The Bell and Bear in Emberton, Three Locks in Stoke Hammond and The Wheatsheaf in Bow Brickhill.

"We make real ale, IPA, pale ale and porter.

"Our porter came third in the Milton Keynes Beer Festival and we won a national labels competition thanks to another local business, White Leopard Design.

"We do everything ourselves from brewing, bottling and packing and definitely feel like we are going in the right direction."

Gift: Samuel, Ryan and Colette Horne with their beers, which MP Iain Stewart gave to Prime Minister David Cameron

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Pool fitness: The UK's first water-based pole fitness classes are coming to Milton Keynes. Inset: instructor Shelley Crack

Fitness fun at poles

BY MAY BULMAN
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THE UK's first water-based pole fitness classes are coming to Milton Keynes – just in time to get back in shape following the Christmas period.

Shelley Crack, entrepreneur and swimming instructor, gave the first Aqua Pole Fitness taster session at Wolverton Leisure Centre last Wednesday.

"Basically, it is pole dancing under water," said Shelley. "It works your core and makes your upper body really toned and strong because you're always pulling your body weight up.

"And it is designed for all ages. I'm planning to run it for younger ones and the middle-aged, as well as over-60s for whom it can help with mobility, muscles and joints."

The class doesn't take long to set up, with the poles simply rolled into the pool and stuck to the floor with help from suction pads on their base.

"It really works your lower abs," said Damari who took part in the taster session.

"You need strong abs to go up and down that thing. It's a lot of fun though."

Introductory classes will be held at a number of locations in Milton Keynes in January at a cost of £40 for four half-hour sessions.

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at school shows

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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HUNDREDS of primary school children have been performing in nativities and Christmas productions.

MK NEWS has been sent these lovely pictures from Howe Park School in Emerson Valley, Abbeys Primary School in Bletchley, The Willows School and Early Years Centre in Fishermead and Charles Warren Academy in Simpson.

The children aged from four to seven played the traditional roles of Mary and Joseph to Ralph the Reindeer, a camel and Christmas baubles.

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Dressed for the day: Youngsters, *above and right*, at Charles Warren Academy

Abbeys Primary School children

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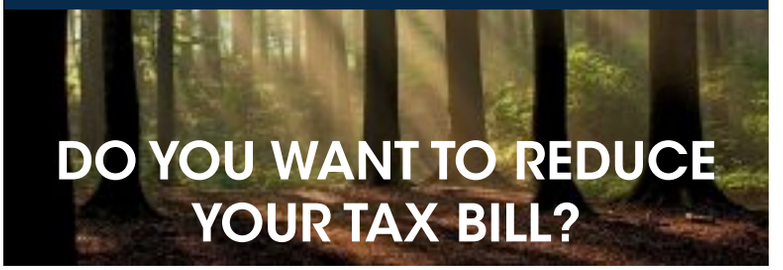

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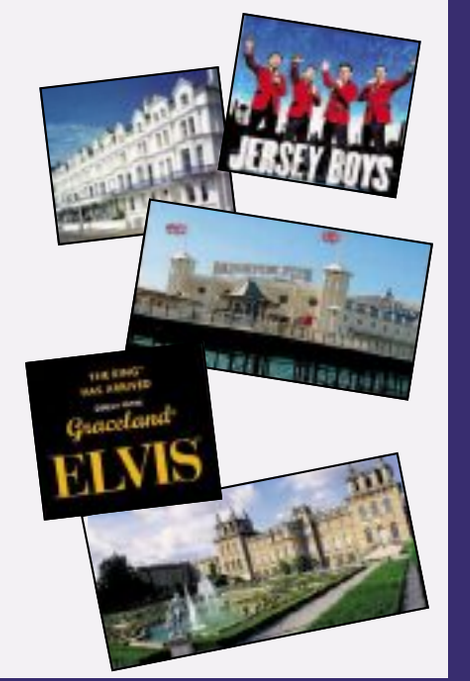

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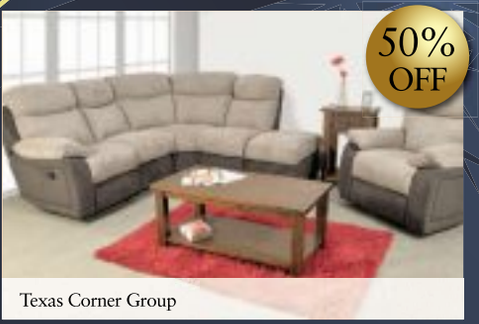

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2015: Review of the year

JANUARY

January: MK NEWS made Hope for Hollie its charity of the year

- The body of a 65-year-old woman was found in Grade II-listed Rectory Farmhouse following a house fire. Kate Morgan, originally from Wales, was living in the house in Loughton after her companion Rita Price-Jones died in October, 2014.
- Hope for Hollie was named as the MK NEWS charity of the year for 2015. The charity was set up by Helen Carter, the mother of 10-year-old Hollie, who has been diagnosed with Niemann-Pick Type C (NP-C) – a rare inherited metabolic condition.
- Milton Keynes was recognised as one of the country's most important cities after coming out top once again in the prestigious Centre for Cities report. The city was recognised as the fastest growing in the UK since 2003 and top for the number of jobs created and the amount of new homes built – while it was second to only London for the number of business start-ups per 10,000 people.
- A family was left living in fear after a violent burglar threatened baby twins in their own home. The 30-year-old mother was at home alone with her 10-month-old twins when a man wearing a black balaclava burst in through her door demanding money. The man took cash and jewellery from the home in Tandra, Beanhill, before running away.

February: Olney Pancake Race

Review of the year: 2015

FEBRUARY

- The city was covered with the first snow of winter, but the beautiful scenes didn't come without problems as people were left for hours waiting for buses to work.
- February also saw the opening of Europe's first 4DX cinema, which opened at Cineworld in Xscape offering people sensations such as wind, water and smells. Celebrities including comedian Russell Kane also praised the rocking chairs.
- The annual Olney Pancake Race did not disappoint with schools and women taking part. The first new winner in three years was Emma Maitland.
- The Point officially closed with the Odeon moving to its new premises in Bletchley by stadiummk. New owners Hammerson will be demolishing the building and rebuilding a three tier centre based around The Point's former design.

March: Logan and Dion Nye who saved a pensioner's life

MARCH

- Teenagers Logan and Dion Nye saved the life of diabetic pensioner Edith Ollard as they delivered her weekly MK NEWS to her home in Wolverton. The duo reassured the stricken OAP, who had collapsed due to low sugar levels, and called an ambulance to come and rescue her.
- A 'polite' bank robber who was armed only with a marker pen was jailed for robbing the NatWest bank in Bletchley. Ryan Fuller, 24, told staff he had a knife and calmly walked off with more than £3,000. He was jailed for 21 months.
- Milton Keynes Council began health and safety investigations after a man was crushed as a lorry reversed into him at the DHL warehouse in Snelshall. Krzysztof Sontowski, 35, left behind his fiancé Anna and young daughter Monica.
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March: The Point officially closed

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plans for a major refurbishment of its shopping centre, which included a new dining quarter and boutique cinema. The plans were eventually approved by the council, but were recently called in by the Secretary of State and could be delayed by 18 months.

April: Three Shenley Brook End pupils won a competition to have their experiment sent into space

APRIL

- Thames Valley Police Sergeant David Pegg was rewarded at The Chief Constable's Awards after saving a man who had stopped breathing in the cells at Milton Keynes Police Station.
- Three Shenley Brook End pupils won a competition judged by a British astronaut at Cranfield University to have their experiment sent into space. Matthew Douse, Tom Scott and Jamie Heathcote impressed with their experiment testing ionic liquids in a micro-gravitational environment.
- MK NEWS joined forces with Milton Keynes Council to launch our Walk Safe campaign, after an investigation revealed people thought the underpass network was unsafe.
- X Factor stars Union J headlined Non Stop Pop – the first music event to be hosted at ArenaMK. The boyband was supported by Bailey McConnell, Harry Mondryk and Stereo Kicks.

April: The first music event was hosted at ArenaMK

MAY

- MK Dons celebrated promotion to the Championship for the first time in their history. They beat Yeovil Town 5-1 on the final day of the season to pip Preston North End to automatic promotion, sparking a pitch invasion at stadiummk and some incredible scenes.
- A swarm of more than 1,000 bees forced shoppers outside the Andrew Charles jewellery shop in Newport Pagnell's High Street to run away.

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May: MK Dons celebrated promotion to the Championship

Beekeeper Ed Reney stepped in to save the day.

- Three arson attacks took place in Eaglestone within the space of 20 minutes. It left a family without their home and two taxi drivers without their cars.
- Liam Corgan, 28, from Highland Close, Bletchley, died after an accident with another motorcyclist on the A422 near Deanshanger. Lots of tributes were paid to the popular biker and a ride later took place along the A5 in his memory.
- Firefighters were called to the Audi dealership in Northfield after the roof collapsed and 20 cars fell through the floor.
- The body of Ashley Gillard was found in a flat in Wolverton after a fire. Thomas White has been charged with his murder and is due to appear at Luton Crown Court on January 4.
- Two-year-old Hunter Gowers had to have plastic surgery after he was mauled by his family's Staffordshire Bull Terrier. The dog was later put down.
- McDonald's apologised after some members of staff at its restaurant near stadiummk laughed at the bald head of Collette van Hien, who was suffering from throat cancer.

May: One of the cars set on fire at Eaglestone

JUNE

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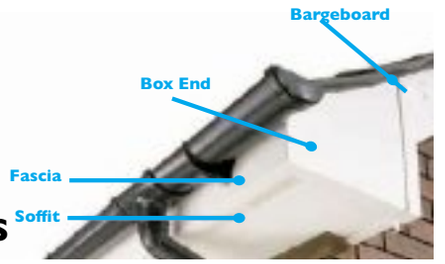

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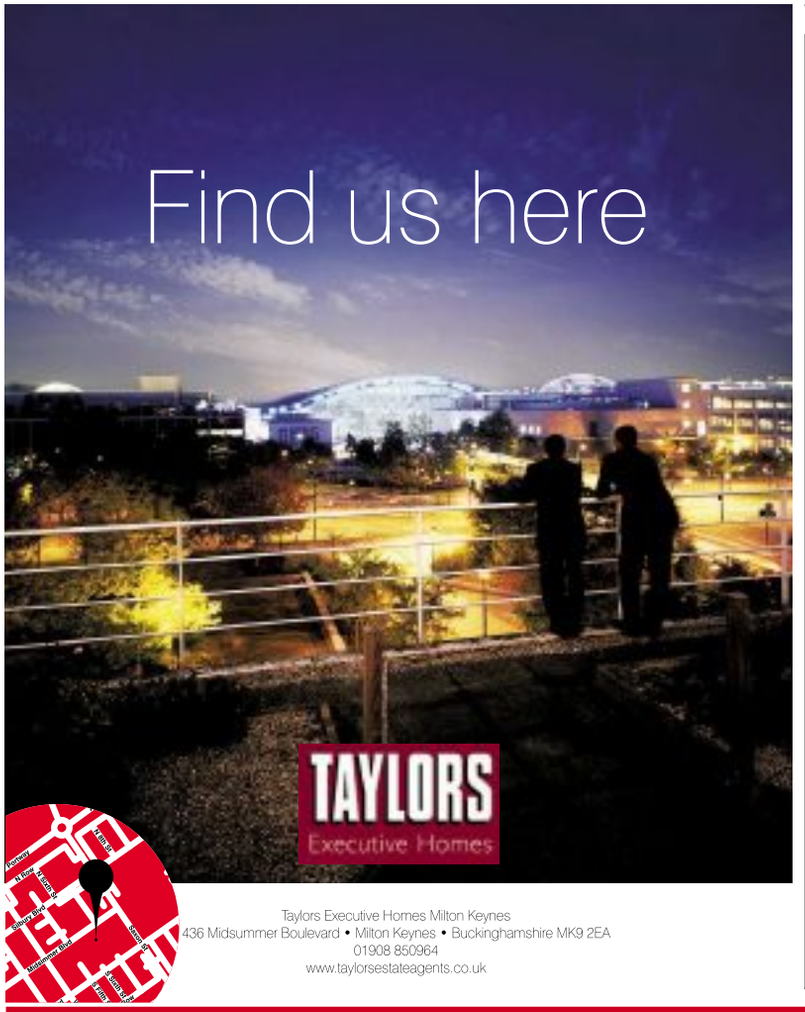

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Memories and gifts to be found at centre

Unusual items: Mags Potter with a baby's gas mask at the antiques centre

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN EXORCISM kit, gas masks, huge model planes and a £3,500 ring are among the weird and wonderful things that have been sold at an antiques store during Christmases past and present.

Selwells Fenny Antique Centre in Victoria Road, Fenny Stratford, is certainly a place where you can get a different sort of Christmas present for your relatives or friends.

The centre is a base for 40 antique dealers from near and far, while people from the city can also rent a space to sell their wares.

Owner Mags Potter said she does not know what amazing items will come through the door on a day-to-day basis.

"We're doing a service for people here and there are all different traders here," said Mags.

"I'd say it's for everybody because you can buy some really unique items and there are some ideal gifts for people.

"Lots of weird stuff comes in all the time and people like to come in and mix and match stuff (which they can get from other dealers in the shop)."

Famous snooker player Dennis Taylor is among the celebrities who have taken a look at items on offer, while Bargain Hunt expert and presenter James Braxton has featured the store on TV over the past month.

As well as making unusual gifts, some of the items in the shop also bring back special memories.

Mags said: "All the time I hear things like 'my mum had this' and it brings back memories for people. Not everything we sell is old, but it does bring back a lot of memories for people, even if it's just something simple like an ironing board."

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Important job: Denise Clifford, *centre*, with her catering team

Christmas service with a smile

CHRISTMAS Day is fast approaching but not everyone will be enjoying a traditional day of celebration.

Many health and emergency service workers will be on duty, but there are also many other less obvious jobs that need to be carried out on Christmas Day.

Denise Clifford, catering manager at Milton Keynes University Hospital,will be at work between 8am and 1pm, overseeing the preparation of meals for patients, staff and visitors.

"I've been in this role for 13 years and only missed one Christmas Day," she said. "I prefer to be here working, making sure that all patients have their food and are happy.

"My catering team are amazing. They do this job not for money but because they know how important it is to do it well.

"We treat the patients like family."

Byron Major, general manager of The Barge pub in Woolstone, will also be working. He said: "A lot of people come out for their Christmas dinner and we need to be there to provide the service.

"We try to make it a bit festive for the staff, with bucks fizz and bacon butties at the morning briefing."

Dale Small, young adult and youth pastor at Grand Union church, will be voluntarily assisting during a service that will welcome around 60 people on Christmas Day.

He said: "People come in their festive sweaters and Santa hats – it's always a great morning.

"Christmas Day is unpaid, but that's irrelevant. It's great to actually get out and see people – everyone is in high spirits."

Giving

BY SARAH LEE
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THROUGHOUT the festive period, an army of volunteers will be serving up good cheer to those less fortunate, or just in need of company.

According to research conducted by the BBC, 10 per cent of those aged over 65 in the UK expect to spend Christmas on their own.

But communities and organisations in Milton Keynes are doing their best to ensure this isn't the case for the city's elderly residents.

Over the last 30 years, Milton Keynes Party For The Elderly has treated pensioners in the area to gifts, food and, most importantly, company on Christmas Day.

Ruth Seabrook, who has managed the event for more than 20 years, said: "On this special day, we try to alleviate the pain of loneliness.

"Volunteers give our elderly guests the gift of smiles and companionship.

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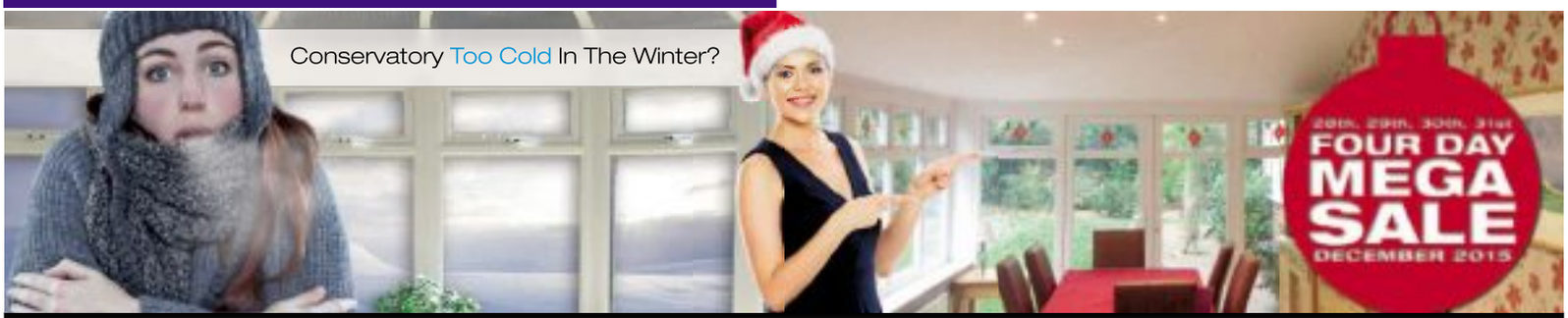

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Special Day: Volunteers, *right*, provide companionship at a previous Milton Keynes Party for the Elderly

chef, listening to the Queen's speech and the all-important visit from Father Christmas."

The theme for this year's event is Alice in Wonderland and will be held at Santander House in Chalkdell Drive, Shenley Wood.

Wolverton-based Together at Christmas MK is another community project aiming to provide a meal and entertainment for those who would be alone on Christmas Day.

A spokesman for the project said: "Whether it's a couple of hours in the morning or the afternoon – or even all day – we'd love to hear from anyone interested in sparing a few hours to help others this Christmas."

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Stars come out for hospital patient Zayn

Superheroes: Zayn pictured with Iron Man and, *right*, Nick Grimshaw with mum Nadia

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A SICK boy and his mum were surprised by Radio 1 DJ Nick Grimshaw and X Factor finalist Che Chesterman at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital (GOSH) Snow Ball.

Zayn Slatch, three, from Bradwell Common, was diagnosed with Niemann Pick Type C (NPC) at just three months old.

It means Zayn is unable to walk or talk and is prone to infections but he continues to fight the condition every day.

For the last seven weeks Zayn has been in Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital in London and has had to spend a few weeks in intensive care.

Mum Nadia, 35, who is a mother-of-three and full-time career for Zayn, was really pleased to be able to 'make some memories' after they were invited to the GOSH Snow Ball.

She said: "It was a treat for patients of the hospital who are currently being looked after or have been treated over the past year.

"It was a magical event with celebrities including Nick Grimshaw, X Factor finalist Che Chesterman, Radio 2's Sara Cox and Father Christmas, as well as lots of superhero and Disney characters."

The ball, at the Royal National Hotel in London, was organised by the GOSH children's charity, which aims to raise more than £90million every year for patient care.

Nadia campaigns alongside the Hope For Hollie Foundation as a trustee for the charity, spreading awareness of NPC.

She added: "The party was amazing and it was nice to make some memories with Zayn as we treasure every day we have."

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Still chance to win family tickets to the panto – oh yes there is!

A PANTO cast packed full of household names has been entertaining all ages in Aladdin at Milton Keynes Theatre.

Dallas actress and ex-wife of the King of Rock 'n' Roll Priscilla Presley is starring in the role of Genie of the Lamp.

The former star of Naked Gun has been joined by comedian Gary Wilmot in Old Peking as the Chinese Laundry owner, Widow Twankey.

Dance world legend Wayne Sleep OBE has been bringing his own choreographic Genie-us to the show as the Genie of the Ring, while MK panto favourite Kev Orkian has been playing Aladdin's wayward brother, Wishee-Washee.

Heartthrob and former A1 boy band member Ben Adams has been entertaining everyone as Aladdin.

You don't want to miss out on this magic and there are four family tickets still up for grabs.

The tickets are for two adults and two children for the performance on Thursday, January 7, at 7pm.

All you have to do to be in with a chance of winning one of the four family tickets is email the name of this year's pantomime to jessica.duncan@mk-news.co.uk

Panto for patients

WHEN Princess Jasmine and Abanazar visited the children's ward at Milton Keynes hospital last week, it wasn't just the kids who got into the spirit of the occasion.

Staff on the ward cheered Princess Jasmine and booed Abanazar as the Aladdin cast members stopped by to say hello and hand out presents to the children.

Having to spend Christmas in hospital, whatever age you are, is always difficult but for children – and their parents – it can be particularly distressing. So it figures that, if you're too poorly to get along to the theatre to see a pantomime, the next best thing is for a pantomime – or at least some of it – to come to you!

Aimie Atkinson, who plays Princess Jasmine, wouldn't have had it otherwise: "Pantomime is often the first and the best introduction for children to live theatre. It was great for us to be able to bring just a flavour of that to the children who will be in hospital and so aren't able to see the whole show this Christmas."

Marc Pickering added: "Every pantomime has to have a baddie and in Aladdin, it's me, Abanazar. But for once, it was really nice to be a good guy! I didn't even mind when the ward play assistant, Laura Clarke, called me Ababanana or booed when I arrived!"

Jenny Howells, corporate fundraiser at MK Hospital, said: "I am absolutely delighted that the Christmas panto stars from Milton Keynes Theatre were able to visit the children's ward at Milton Keynes Hospital last week. Their visit really brightened up everyone's day – patients, adults and the staff! I'd like to thank everyone involved in organising the visit, and the stars themselves for helping to bring some festive cheer to our hospital at this time of year."

A Life in the Day – the Princess Diaries (cont)

DEAR diary, I have decided that my daily contributions to this journal will, one day when I am, like queen, be published for all my loyal subjects to enjoy. So from now on, I shall only write important stuff. Like this: Aladdin is on point! He is so wicked it's not true. And when I say 'wicked', yeah, I am not meaning 'wicked' like wicked. Abanazar (eurgghh!) now he is wicked in that old-fashioned (yawn, yawn) way. And creepy too. He wants to marry me (allow that! Screaming LOL). I am saving myself for you know who! Have already got A the best Christmas present ever!!! It's a Virtual Reality Headset! So he can watch 3D movies and pretend, like he's being chased by a dinosaur, or on a roller-coaster ride and about to fall off the edge of the world? He is so gonna love it. YOLO! And…Merry Christmas, yeah?

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Entertainer Don is spreading festive joy

BY MAY BULMAN

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A POPULAR Bletchley pensioner is spreading some festive joy on Christmas Day by entertaining residents at a nursing home.

Don Hollis, 91, has spent one day a week telling stories and singing at Bletchley House for the last 20 years.

After a career in the RAF and then as a rail instructor, Don retired 30 years ago and has since dedicated his life to voluntarily visiting children's hospitals and nursing homes to entertain the patients.

Mihaela Oprisan, clinical team leader at the Bletchley nursing home, said: "He's always happy. Every Friday he comes in and sings for the residents.

"It will be great to have him here on Christmas Day. Getting old isn't easy and his happiness spreads in the nursing home."

A man who has gained a great amount of recognition in Milton Keynes for his cheery ways and cheeky sense of humour, Don is out to cheer up the people of MK, young and old, this festive season.

Always happy: Don Hollis sings and tells stories and jokes

Less able to travel around so much now and with a constant desire to meet people since his wife died six years ago, Don heads to the centre:mk most days where he sits in Pret a Manger amid the frantic shoppers, entertaining them with his singing, teddies and funny stories.

"I tell stories and jokes and make children laugh with my teddies," Don said.

"People often shake my hand. They say I'm doing a good job keeping people positive despite all the bad stories we hear in the news."

Anthony, a member of staff in Pret, said: "Don comes in here every day – sometimes twice a day! We call him General because of his past in the RAF.

"He entertains the children in here. The kids love it and so do the parents. He speaks to anyone and everyone. We give him free coffee."

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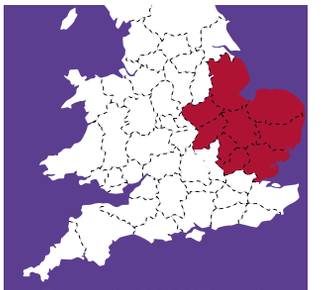

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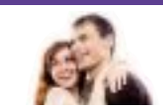

female seeking

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SALLY, 39yrs seeks doesn't want to be lonely this xmas. Seeks gent any age/looks unimportant must have GSOH. **Box: 4186657. Text only.**

ALISON 30, pretty, slim with long brown hair, fit and active seeks fit older male for energetic relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 416497**

VAL, 45, compassionate outgoing female with a big heart and no preconceptions just looking for love with similar minded male. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420193**

MAUREEN, discreet sensual lady, 42yrs seeks daytime fun at her home. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3012 Box: 405297**

DEBBIE, 43, dark haired passionate classy, discreet female looking for professional intelligent male wanting mutual companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420071**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715**

DIANE successful feisty business women, confident, fun, chatty, positive, social with everything but that special someone in her life and WLTM him. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420001**

DISCREET man wanted by married lady for no strings fun. I'm called Sarah and am 37yrs. Pls call, ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 3004 Box 418167**

SUSIE tactile 33yr old female who loves fast cars and motorbikes, seeks genuine male prepared to live life in the fast lane, 35-50yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420205**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3000 Box 419673**

LUCY, 32, blonde, tall and slim, looking for a casual fling, nothing serious. Discretion needed and assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420237**

FELICITY, 38yrs, attractive, petite but shapely lady seeks gent for indoor activities! Age/looks/marital status unimportant but must be discreet and non demanding. **Tel: 0906 515 3020 Box 420235**

ANN 40's female looking for male for broadminded adult fun, no strings. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 412369**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399**

EMMIE 28yr old lonely single mum all out of love, looking for good company with male who can tame a confident beautiful sensual lady. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420041**

DENISE attractive 30's female, sincere warm-hearted romantic, looking for male to enjoy pamper treats, hotel retreats and lots lots more! **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419837**

DIANE 37, romantic, sentimental, loves to be pampered, WLTM similar gent for mutual spoiling with lots of TLC. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419819**

CARING, loving, friendly, sincere female with a GSOH, seeks a genuine male 60-70, for friendship and long-term relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419805**

TANNED toned red haired temptress. Now I have your attention! If you are a little bit naughty looking for someone very nice, call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419611**

LIKE uniforms? Sexy, foxy nurse, green eyes, up for anything seeks naughty, imaginative, laid back guy to get to know. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419577**

MARIANNE, 38, slim, sporty, fun with good personality, loves travel, holding hands and caring for people. Seeks genuine male, no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420173**

LOVING, caring, black professional female, late 40's, WLTM a professional, caring, N/S male, 41-52, 5ft 10ins plus with Christian values for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 119332**

CHLOE, pretty brunette, 30yrs good job but lacking male with a naughty side, is that you, age unimportant. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4057558**

JENNY, 65, likes fishing and camping, seaside, gardening, animals, looking for a male between 55-80, in Milton Keynes or surrounding areas. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419553**

MELANIE, tanned, tonned, young 41yrs divorcee with own flat, working, solvent, just missing a chap. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4112160**

ELAINE, 51, new to this, free spirited petite blonde, feminine and all women, seeks romantic male who enjoys good times, fun and passion. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419849**

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CARING, loving, good to be with female, enjoys swimming, walking my dog, having fun, good sense of humour seeks similar male. **Text only to Mailbox no: 5063098**

CLAIRE young 39, beautiful slim blonde, fun loving and sensual seeks similar spontaneous male for fun, excitement, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419613**

LOVING, caring, black professional female, late 40's, WLTM a professional, caring, N/S male, 41-52, 5ft 10ins plus with Christian values for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 119332**

BECKY 23, classy blonde, long blonde hair, blue eyes seeks loving older guy to spoil and pamper her. Discretion assured/guaranteed. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 416233**

SARAH, 37, beautiful broadminded female, seeks similar open-minded hunky guy for fun/ friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 418167**

LORRAINE single mum new to the area starting again, OHAC, GSOH, WLTM nice guy to cuddle up with and appreciate, maybe more. Single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419415**

SUE, lovely sensual brunette, young 50, seeks adventurous, fun loving, tactile younger male who thinks he can keep up. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419381**

DEBRA, tall busty female, endless legs, enjoys wild side of life, seeks confident male to try new things with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419379**

ANNIE, 5' 7" with brown hair and blue eyes, plenty of interests, looking for a caring loving male. I enjoy life and would like to share it with someone special, if you are interested please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419059**

JULIE pretty 38yr old Irish female who is lonely as new to the area, looking for male up to 45yrs for tactile companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419071**

LIBBY 36, newly single, no hang-ups, WLTM outgoing male to wine/dine and forever be mine. Don't miss out! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419215**

YOUNG looking 37, curvy, attractive, looking for wild at heart man to enjoy fun times and cosy nights in. Any age/looks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 417649**

ANNIE, 5' 7" with brown hair and blue eyes, plenty of interests, looking for a caring loving male. I enjoy life and would like to share it with someone special, if you are interested please get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419059**

male seeking

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BLACK guy, 47, 6"tall, slim and attractive seeks a large built black or white lady 38 to 55 years old. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 418745**

MALE, 59, xx large build, kind, caring honest, GSOH, has car and bungalow, looking for someone loving and caring, to be there for the good times and the bad times, for friendship and more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419587**

MALE 56, young outlook, smart, tall, brown hair, blue eyes, OHAC, GSOH, seeks attractive female to spoil. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 250044**

DAVE 50's, occasional smoker/drinker, honest, open minded, seeking charming lady to put the love back into life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 416825**

JAMES single dad, fun to be around with, needs a smile put back on my face, would love to hear back from anybody who may be interested in some fun times! **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419121**

IAN, 51, considered handsome, ex police, OHAC, enjoys karate, music, museums and art galleries, looking for an attractive caring, female to develop a friendship, possibly leading to more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420241**

DAVID, 39yrs, divorced with no ties, lovely flat in spain, seeks travel companion, single mums welcome. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4112425**

WILLIAM, 68, n/s, GSOH, own flat, WLTM a nice lady with a GSOH to have fun with. To be a friend and a lover, and to be with for the rest of days. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420181**

GENUINE, honest male, 45, wants to find his one true love, seeks lady 30-55, for relationship, must be in the Newbury area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419893**

WHITE gent 50, seeks black/Asian female for LTR, must be genuine and sincere. Age/looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 398563**

SINGLE white male, 50, seeks genuine, sincere, black/Asian female for LTR, age unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 398569**

67YR old male, active, fit, likes outdoor life, seeking lady soul mate, 55-65, slim, attractive for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 418097**

PETE 55, seeking a mature lady 50 to 70 for fun times , nights out and long term relationship. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4182814**

MALE seeking a widow 60+ for long term relationship, nights out and fun times. I am late 50's, active and professional. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4879848**

JOHN, young looking, world travelled kind and vibrant guy seeks NSA casual fun. Not hung up on a womans looks, size. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4844839**

40+, 6'1 tall, black man, has a job, rents a nice house, looking for a decent curvy woman aged between 30 and 40. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4919402**

WHITE male, 50, seeks genuine, loyal, sincere black female for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 413261**

MALE 66, fun loving, seeks female, any age, for friendship, romance and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419055**

48YR old white gent, seeks black lady for LTR. Any age/looks, must be genuine. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 390139**

57YR old white gent, seeks lady for LTR. Age/looks/nationality unimportant, must be genuine and sincere. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 411467**

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ATTRACTIVE guy, solvent, articulate, nice character, seeks lady for adult fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 416461**

DAVID, 62 year old male, I'm genuine and sincere, I'm easygoing with a good sense of humour, animal lover. I'm seeking a well-built female age or looks not important but with a kind and caring personality for friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 418643**

STEWART 47, fit, muscular, looking for no strings adult fun, any age, must be discreet. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 416279**

BLACK guy, 47, 6"tall, slim and attractive seeks a large built black or white lady 38 to 55 years old. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 418745**

PAUL 56, decorator, 5ft 8ins, cropped hair, attractive, genuine, kind, likes theatre, pubs, seeks female, 50-60. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 366935**

GENUINE honest guy, 5ft 8ins, medium build, short hair, not bad looking, seeks female, 50-60, slim-medium build with GSOH, genuine and kind. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 359453**

58YR old male, 5ft 8ins, medium build, attractive, GSOH, seeks female, 50-60 with GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 390611**

gay seeking

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MUSCULAR bi guy seeks Milton Keynes guy for weekdays fun. Milton Keynes only. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419119**

GAY male 54 years old, seeks gay male 40 to 42 years old for 121 long lasting relationship. **Text only to Mailbox No: 4732986**

EDWARD, 68, six foot one, WLTM a guy, can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 420145**

GAY male, tall, slim, smooth, seeks gay male 50-70 for lots of fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 419495**

MUSCULAR bi guy requires daytime meets with MK guy, cannot accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 500 3692 Box No: 418149**

MATURE gay male, disabled, seeking companionship, romance, friendship, age and looks unimportant. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4635193**

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Christmas date for Reggie 'n' Bollie

WONDERWORLD has announced X Factor finalists Reggie 'n' Bollie will be coming to Milton Keynes later this month.

The rap duo will be partying at Evolution MK – Wonderworld's under-18s night – on Wednesday, December 30.

Reggie 'n' Bollie impressed X Factor judges and the audience enough to make it all the way to the final.

The pair are originally from Ghana and their real names are Reggie Zippy and Ishmael Hamid – aka Bollie. They have both separately released music in Ghana and will be taking part in the X Factor Live Tour 2016.

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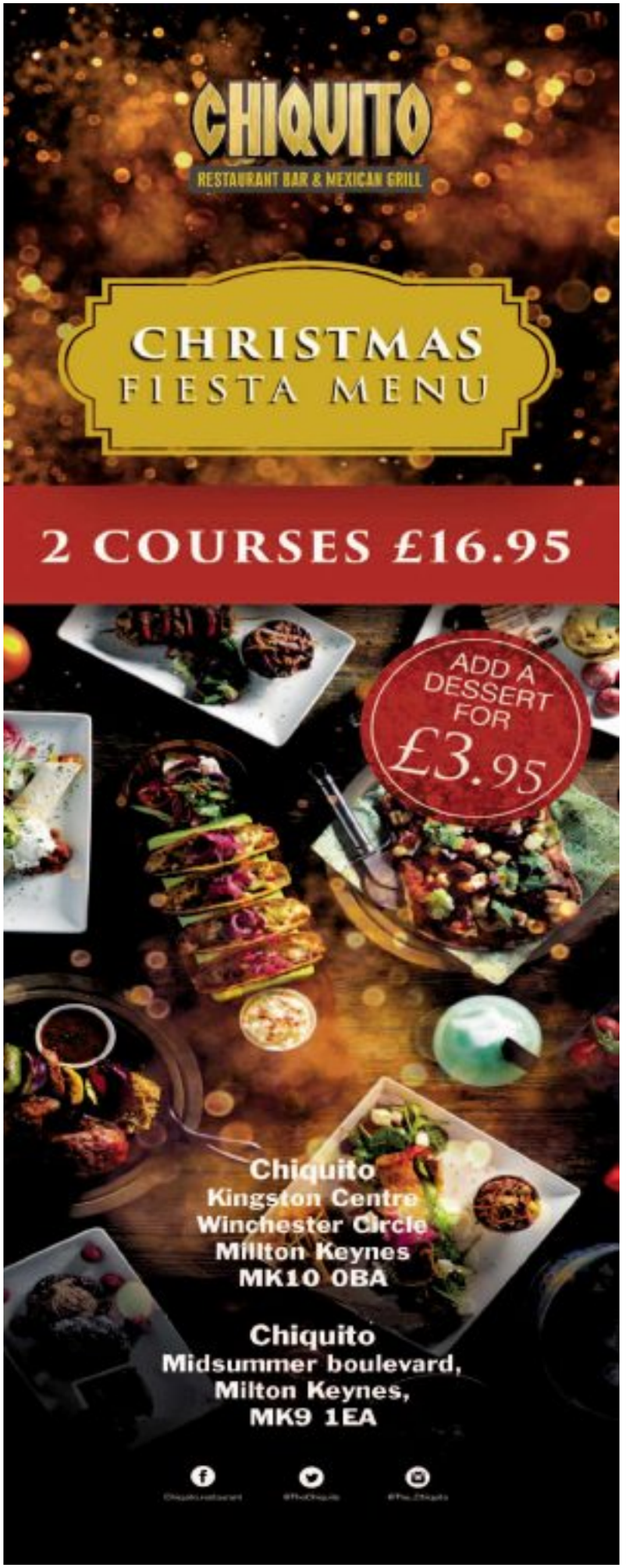

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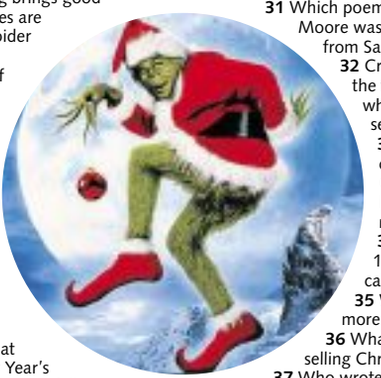
christmasquiz

IT IS Christmas time, a time for people to get together and enjoy the loveliest time of the year.

It's also time to get out those board games and enjoy a good, old-fashioned battle of charades or Scrabble but Christmas wouldn't be the same without a fun quiz, so try finding the answers to these 50 questions.

1 Why should you always stir a Christmas pudding clockwise?
2 Christmas Island, in the Indian Ocean, is a territory of which country?
3 'Three Kings Day' is known by what name?
4 Santa's home, the North Pole, is in which ocean
5 'And all the bells on earth shall ring, on Christmas day in the morning . . .' is from which Christmas carol?
6 Which Christmas slogan was introduced by Clarissa Baldwin of the Dogs Trust in 1978?
7 Which British King (born 1865, died 1936) introduced the custom of giving Christmas puddings to staff?
8 Who composed the music known as The Nutcracker Suite, for the Christmas- themed ballet The Nutcracker?
9 In which country is it said that finding a spider web on Christmas morning brings good luck, and so Christmas trees are decorated with artificial spider webs?
10 In 'The Twelve Days Of Christmas', how many swans were a-swimming?
11 Charles Dickens considered the names Little Larry or Puny Pete for which character?
12 Which former Egyptian president was born on Christmas Day in 1918?
13 Who was Driving Home For Christmas in 1988?
14 In Mexico, wearing what colour underwear on New Year's Eve ensures finding new love the following year?
15 The Latin word meaning 'coming' gave us what term which still refers to the coming Christmas period, and also to a particular tradition popular with children?
16 In which country does Santa have his own personal postcode HOH OHO?
17 What is the chemical formula of snow?
18 Which was the first charity to produce a Christmas card (1949)?
19 In what country is Christmas known as Bada Din (the big day)?
20 What was Girls Aloud's 2002 UK Christmas number one single?
21 White Christmas, a cake made of coconut, crisped rice and dried fruit, is popular in which country?



22 Who is the narrator in the 2000 film The Grinch Who Stole Christmas?
23 What is the name of The Pumpkin King in "The Nightmare Before Christmas"?
24 Who played the title role in the 2003 movie "Bad Santa"?
25 Pine needles are said to be a good source of which vitamin?
26 What bird, noted for feeding on its berries, is linked to the mistletoe plant?
27 In which Christmas carol does this line feature: "Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither"?
28 What is the birth sign of people born on December 25?
29 In Judaism the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus on or around January 1 celebrates specifically what happening to the baby Jesus?
30 Complete the famous rhyming line which follows: "At Christmas play and make good cheer"?
31 Which poem written by Clement Moore was originally titled A Visit from Saint Nicholas?
32 Crackers was the title of the first Christmas edition of which popular UK comedy series?
33 What British spacecraft, partly built at the Open University, was lost on Mars at Christmas 2003?
34 What was Queen's 1984 Christmas single called?
35 What is a baby turkey more correctly called?
36 What is the title of biggest selling Christmas single, globally?
37 Who wrote the story of "A Child's Christmas in Wales"?
38 Which actress singer who charted with Santa Baby and starred as Catwoman died on Christmas Day, 2008?
39 Who is regarded as the first Christian martyr?
40 What Paul McCartney hit song's video featured the First World War Christmas truce meeting of German and British soldiers in no-man's land?
41 Which of the Three Kings presented the baby Jesus with Frankincense?
42 Before the tradition of hanging stockings up at Christmas, what did Dutch children hang by the fireside?
43 How many courses are there traditionally in a Ukrainian Christmas Eve supper?
44 In the song The Twelve Days of Christmas, how many pipers are there?
45 What did Scottish students take from Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day, 1950?
46 What was the name of the toy that Arnold Schwarzenegger was seeking in "Jingle All the Way"?
47 Which long-standing "Eastenders" character died during the Christmas 2006 edition?
48 Which cartoon character made the Channel 4 alternative Christmas message in 2004?
49 Which Christmas dessert features in the song "We Wish You a Merry Christmas"?
50 How many years elapsed between Jacob Marley dying and appearing as a ghost in Dickens' A Christmas Carol?

ANSWERS:
Find out if you are a Chrismas Star or a Grinch, here are the answers to our Christmas quiz:
1 To bring good luck. **2** Australia. **3** Twelfth Night. **4** Arctic Ocean. **5** I Saw Three Ships. **6** A Dog Is For Life, Not Just For Christmas. **7** King George V. **8** Tchaikovsky. **9** Ukraine. **10** Seven. **11** Tiny Tim - A Christmas Carol. **12** Anwar Sadat. **13** Chris Rea. **14** Red. **15** Advent. **16** Canada. **17** H2O. **18** UNICEF. **19** India. **20** Sound of the Underground. **21** Australia. **22** Anthony Hopkins. **23** Jack Skellington. **24** Billy Bob Thornton. **25** C. **26** Mistle thrush. **27** Good King Wenceslas. **28** Capricorn. **29** Circumcision. **30** For Christmas comes but once a year. **31** The Night Before Christmas. **32** Only Fools and Horses. **33** Beagle 2. **34** Thank God it's Christmas. **35** A poult. **36** White Christmas (by Bing Crosby). **37** Dylan Thomas. **38** Eartha Kitt. **39** St Stephen. **40** Pipes of Peace. **41** Balthazar. **42** Clogs. **43** Twelve (each one is dedicated to an apostle). **44** Eleven. **45** The Coronation Stone (or Stone of Scone, or Stone of Destiny). **46** Turbo Man. **47** Pauline Fowler. **48** Marge Simpson. **49** Figgy pudding. **50** 7.

Score 1 – 15, boo you Grinch you; 16 – 30 you are getting in the spirit; 31 – 45 you are a real Santa's helper; 45+ go to the top of the tree –you're a star.

christmasbytes

ROBOTS, music, animation, wearable technology and codebreaking all feature in Christmas Bytes at The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park.

Designed to entertain all the family, the festival runs from noon to 5pm today and daily from Sunday to Wednesday in historic Block H, where computing began.

There will be lots of hands-on opportunities with technology new and old and a chance to be creative.

Visitors will be able to see, play with and even program robots. The famous NAO social robot will be there to listen to your instructions.

Anyone will be able to create their own animation videos with all the equipment you need on hand.

On the Monday there will be special Arduino workshops for visitors to build their own devices. Registration is needed – see www.tnmoc.org/bytes

There will even be the latest in wearable technology and virtual reality with a chance to create a virtual reality headset with a smartphone.

stimulatingspa

ENVELOPED in the gentle contours of the Bedfordshire countryside, Woburn Forests' re-energising spa offers a host of stimulating treatments that help relieve the stress of everyday life.

Spread over two floors, the Centre Parcs facility features six unique spas for you to journey through, each with a selection of multi-sensory rooms: Fire and Ice, Blossom, Herbal, Sensory, Mineral and Gemstone and Salt.

Having been to many spas in my time, this spa really lived up to its name of 'a one-of-a-kind spa in the UK'.

From the moment of arrival to the dreaded departure from this haven, I was allowed to unwind in the most stimulating environments. Even the smell of the fluffy white robe and towels was impressive.

Easily the biggest spa I've ever been to, exploring each sensory room meant you were never short of things to do.

Swimming in an outdoor infinity pool during late December was also something I thought I would never do – but the Aqua Sana – a heated pool overlooking a beautiful scenery of tall trees and wooden cabins – transports you to an Austrian ski-lodge-esque paradise.

The treatments were also exceptional.

As part of the spa package I was treated to the Elemis Total Time Out that included a bespoke facial and a full body massage, while my partner had the Decléor aromatherapy massage.

It's safe to say we both came out extremely relaxed and pampered.

As you're at a day spa, you'd be forgiven for thinking that the lunch would just be lettuce leaves and fruit, but, while these are on the menu, there was also a wide range of other delicious hot and cold food, including pasta, paninis and pastries.

All of this makes the Aqua Sana Spa Package the perfect way to escape from the cold and unwind.

Find out more about the package at www.aquasana.co.uk/sanaspa/woburn/index.jsp#/page2

Sarah Lee

soulshow

SIGNED, Sealed, Delivered is a show that celebrates the music of Stevie Wonder, The Four Tops, The Temptations and The Supremes, as well as many others who defined the soul era.

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The show will start at 8pm on Saturday, January 9, at The Stables.

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IF YOU'RE still looking for somewhere to welcome in the New Year, why not take a musical journey through time at MK II – Live Music Venue in Kiln Farm.

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partynight

DJ KENTY will preside over a Christmas Party night taking place at Electric Social in the Theatre District on Boxing Day.

There will be plenty of singers to entertain you from 7pm until 4am.

Alex Grover will also be playing tunes to get people filling the dance floor.

It's free to attend and to reserve a table go to electricsocial.com

marketday

THE Stony Stratford Christmas Farmers' Market will be held on Christmas Eve.

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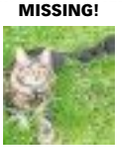

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME
MILTON ROAD, BROUGHTON 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 to construct traffic calming measures consisting of two sets of speed cushions on Milton Road, Broughton.

The new location of the speed cushions will be as follows:-

1) Milton Road (southbound carriageway) from a point 46.5 metres north of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 metres in a northerly direction.

   Milton Road (northbound carriageway) from a point 46.5 metres north of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 metres in a northerly.

2) Milton Road (southbound carriageway) from a point 41.5 metres south of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 metres in a southerly direction.

   Milton Road (northbound carriageway) from a point 41.5 metres south of the centre line of Shackerstone Close, continuing for a distance of 3 metres in a southerly direction.

Each speed cushion will be 3 metres x 1.8 metres in size.

A copy of the scheme plan showing the affected length of road and the new location of the speed cushions may be viewed on any working day, at the Councils Highways Office in Bleak Hall during normal opening hours.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the Network TRO Officer, Highways Department, Public Realm Services Group, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall, Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY **to be received** no later than 20th January 2016 quoting reference PH-S90-NOT-014.

(VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 22nd December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of roads in Central Milton Keynes to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway when necessary:-

The following lengths of road are included in the temporary closure Order and will only be closed when maintenance and repair works are necessary. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed:-

Grafton Park, Lower Second Street, Lower Third Street, Lower Fourth Street, Lower Eighth Street, Lower Ninth Street, Lower Tenth Street, Lower Twelfth Street, North Second Street, North Third Street, North Fourth Street, North Fifth Street, North Sixth Street, North Seventh Street, North Eighth Street, North Ninth Street, North Tenth Street, North Eleventh Street, North Twelfth Street, North Thirteenth Street, North Fourteenth Street, South Fifth Street, South Sixth Street, South Seventh Street, South Eighth Street, South Ninth Street, South Tenth Street, Upper Second Street, Upper Fourth Street, Upper Fifth Street, Upper Seventh Street, North Row, South Row, and the vehicular accessways along parts of Avebury Boulevard, Midsummer Boulevard Silbury Boulevard, Grafton Gate, Marlborough Gate, Saxon Gate, Secklow Gate, and Witan Gate, Central Milton Keynes.

The Order will come into effect on 4th January 2016 and will remain in effect for a period of 18 months.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the made Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closures will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Please visit the Councils bus travel web page for all updates on disruptions to local bus services: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/streets-transport-and-parking/bus-travel/bus-service-disruptions-and-diversions

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(RUSSELL STREET, WOBURN SANDS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road in order to allow repairs to a leaking communication pipe:-

9th - 10th January 2016

- **Russell Street, Woburn Sands** – It entire length

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Station Road and Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands.

  Controlled access to properties along Russell Street will be maintained at all times.

Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on the 9th January 2016 and will expire on the 9th April 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The proposed closure and diversion route can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

(VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 22nd December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the Order will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road in Central Bletchley:-

- **Brunel Roundabout, Bletchley** its entire circumference.
- **Duncumbe Street, Bletchley** from its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Water Eaton Road.
- **Locke Road, Bletchley** its entire length (except for access).
- **Queensway, Bletchley** form its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Water Eaton Road and Sherwood Drive.
- **Saxon Street, Bletchley** from its junction with Brunel Roundabout to its junction with Princes Way Roundabout.
- **Water Eaton Road, Bletchley** form its junction with Buckingham Road and Sherwood Drive to its junction with Duncombe Street.

The above lengths of road will only be closed if absolutely necessary and diversion routes will be provided and access to properties will be provided.

Any closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Any closure will only be in force when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed along the affected length of road.

The made Order will come into operation on 4th January 2016 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS, MILTON KEYNES)
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 22nd December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, because works are to be carried out to parts of the A421. The effect of which will be to impose temporary 40mph and 50mph speed restrictions and temporarily prohibit vehicular access along parts of the said roads within Milton Keynes. It is anticipated that the temporary speed limits and road closures will be in force from 4th January 2016 to 11th March 2016. However the speed limits and closures will take effect on specific roads at specific times during these dates, only when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance. The affected lengths of roads and are as follows:-

1. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to enter, proceed along the following length of road:-
   - **A421** from its junction with the Fen Farm Roundabout to the boundary line that is shared with Bedfordshire.

     Whilst the above road is closed the alternative route will be via A5130 Newport Road, A4012 and A507.
2. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 40 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - **A421 H8 Standing Way** 180 metres east of its junction with the Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Fen Farm Roundabout.
   - **A421** from its junction with Fen Farm Roundabout to its junction with Eagle Farm Roundabout.
   - **H9 Groveway** from 180 metres south of Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Walnut Tree Roundabout.
   - **H8 Standing Way** (eastbound carriageway) from 180 metres west of Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Lasborough Road, Kingston.
   - **H8 Standing Way** (westbound carriageway) from 180 metres west of Kingston Roundabout to its junction with Bransworth Avenue, Brinklow.
   - **Lasborough Road (southbound)** from its junction with H8 Standing Way for 8 metres in a northerly direction.
   - **Ortensia Drive, Wavendon Gate** from its junction with H9 Groveway for 23 metres in south easterly direction.
   - **Bransworth Avenue** from its junction with H9 Groveway for 20 metres in a north easterly direction.
3. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 50 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - **A421 H8 Standing Way** from its junction with Brinklow Roundabout to its junction with Lasborough Road.
   - **Winchester Avenue (southbound)** from its junction with H8 Standing Way for 10 metres in a northerly direction.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates and at the times shown as and when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs.

Diversion routes will be displayed where appropriate. There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services and military vehicles, and for vehicles being used in connection with the construction works.

The proposed Order will come into operation on 4th January 2016 and will continue in force until the construction works are complete.

Any person committing a breach of the Order shall be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(SIMPSON ROAD (PART), FENNY STRATFORD)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following length of road in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

9th – 10th January 2016

- **Simpson Road, Fenny Stratford** – 20 Metres either side of the Fenny Stratford Level Crossing located between Lock View Lane and The Sidings.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed, the alternative route will be via Staple Hall Road, Bilton Road, Watling Street and High Street.

The above closures will be implemented between the hours of 11.00pm (9th January 2016) and 12.00pm (10th January 2016) or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 9th January 2016 and will expire on 9th April 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected road.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(McCONNELL DRIVE (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY REDWAY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 22nd December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along the redway that runs parallel to McConnell Drive, Wolverton from its junction with Millers Way to its junction Church Street whilst a new vehicular access to the Bushfields School Development is constructed.

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 4th January 2016 and shall continue in effect for a period of 3 weeks or until the works have been completed, whichever shall be the earlier.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The closure will take effect at times during the above period **only** when works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

Whilst the redway is closed the diversion route for pedestrians and cyclists will be via the redway that runs parallel to Millers Way, the redway linking Millers Way and Stacey Avenue, Wolverton, Stacey Avenue, Green Lane, St Georges Way and Church Street (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the made Order.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of redway.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(THE REDWAY THAT LINKS STRATFORD ROAD AND AYLESBURY STREET WEST, WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 22nd December 2015 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along the entire length of the redway that links Stratford Road and Aylesbury Street West, whilst improvement works are being carried out to the said redway.

It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from 4th January 2016 and shall continue in effect for a period of 4 weeks or until the works have been completed, whichever shall be the earlier.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The closure will take effect at times during the above period **only** when works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

Whilst the redway is closed the diversion route for pedestrians will be via Stratford Road, Anson Road and Aylesbury Street West (and vice versa).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the made Order.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of redway.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(VARIOUS ROADS AND FOOTPATHS IN TWO MILE ASH, BRADWELL, NEW BRADWELL, BLETCHLEY, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES, NEATH HILL, WOLVERTON, CASTLETHORPE AND OLNEY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes intends, in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice, to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit pedestrians and vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along the following lengths of road or footpaths in order to allow maintenance and repair works to be carried out on the highway:-

ROAD CLOSURES:-

4th January 2016

- **Clay Hill, Two Mile Ash** – Outside the local store situated between its two junctions with The High Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Clay Hill, Shorham Rise, Leafield Rise, Cornhill, Dansteed Way and The High Street (and vice versa).
- **Thompson Street, New Bradwell** – Between it's junctions with North Street and Harwood Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via North Street, Bradwell Road and Harwood Street (and vice versa).
- **Church Street, New Bradwell** – Between it's junctions with Newport Road and High Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Newport Road, St James Street, High Street and Glyn Street (and visa versa).
- **Pinewood Drive, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Oakwood Drive and Laburnum Grove.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Laburnum Grove and Oakwood Drive.
- **Lower Ninth Street, Central Milton Keynes** – (Northbound carriageway) Its entire length.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Avebury Boulevard, Secklow Gate and Midsummer Boulevard.

5th January 2016

- **Sycamore Avenue, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Walnut Drive and Hawthorn Avenue.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Walnut Drive, Maple Grove and Hawthorn Avenue (and vice versa).
- **Colley Hill, Bradwell** – Between its junctions with Monks Way and Loughton Road.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Rawlins Road, V6 Grafton Street and H3 Monks Way.
- **Simpson Road, Bletchley** – Between its junctions with Staple Hall Road and Watling Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Staple Hall Road, Bilton Road and Watling Street (and vice versa).
- **Clarke Road, Bletchley** – Both of its junctions with Dawson Road.

  Both junctions will not be closed simultaneously.

  Whilst the above lengths of road are closed the alternative route will be via the open Dawson Road and the junction to Clarke Road that is open at the time (and vice versa).

6th January 2016

- **Avebury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes –** The Access Road linking the eastbound and westbound carriageways situated between Secklow Gate and Lower Twelfth Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Avebury Boulevard and the Access Road linking Lower Twelfth Street and the Xscape complex (and vice versa).
- **North Ninth Street, Central Milton Keynes** – The Bell mouth entrance linking Silbury Boulevard with North Ninth Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be Silbury Boulevard, North Eighth Street or North Tenth Street and the access ways adjacent to the westbound carriageway of Silbury Boulevard.

7th January 2016

- **Moon Street, Wolverton** – Between its junctions with Green Lane and Victoria Street.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Green Lane, Stacey Avenue and Victoria Street (and vice versa).
- **Wolverton Road, Castlethorpe** – From Wolverton Road's junction with the unnamed road linking Wolverton Road and Bullington End Road, 90 metres in a south westerly direction and 105 metres in an north easterly direction.
- **Unnamed road linking Wolverton Road and Bullington End Road, Castlethorpe** – From its junction with Wolverton Road to the southern access way to Hanslope Lodge

  Whilst the two lengths of road above are closed the alternative route will be via Bullington End Road, North Street, Station Road, Yardley Road, A508, Towcester Road, London Road, Queen Eleanor Street, Stratford Road, Haversham Road and Wolverton Road (and vice versa).
- **Weston Road, Olney** – Between its's junctions with Lime Street and A509.

  Whilst the above length of road is closed the alternative route will be via Lime Street and the A509 (and vice versa).

FOOTPATH AND REDWAY CLOSURES:-

5th January 2016

- **Footpath situated between Bramley Road and Dawson Road, Bletchley –** From its junction with the footpath running adjacent to the southbound carriageway of the V7 Saxon Street to its junction with Grove Ash.

  Whilst the above footpath is closed the alternative route will be via the footpath running adjacent to the southbound carriageway of V7 Saxon Street in a south easterly then easterly direction (and vice versa).

6th January 2016

- **St. Monica's Lane, Neath Hill** – Section of redway to the east of St. Monica's School.

  Whilst the above length of redway is closed the alternative route will be via Currier Drive and Glazier Drive (and vice versa).

The above closures will be implemented from the 4th January 2016 on the above dates for a maximum period of 4 hours or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. Signs will be erected several days in advance to warn motorists and pedestrians of the dates and times when the roads will be closed.

The Council is satisfied that the temporary closure Order is necessary to enable works to be carried out on the highway. The temporary Order will come into effect on 4th January 2016 and will expire on 4th April 2016 and will take effect at times during the above period **only** when maintenance or repair works are required and **only** when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, which will be erected in advance of any closure.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the proposed Order except for controlled access to residential properties and emergency service vehicles on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

All affected properties will be notified of the forthcoming closures at least one week prior to works taking place.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

23 December 2015

Synergy Park
Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall

David Hall
Head of Highways and Transportation

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning and Transport Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02885/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce 1x Persian Ironwood tree by 1m and 1x Pine tree by 4m at 5 Manor Close, Milton Keynes Village.
15/02980/FUL	First floor rear extension at 38 Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands.
15/02983/TCA	Notification of intention to remove deadwood by approx 15% over footpath of T1 (Yew) and remove limb on southernmost side overhanging road to give 6m clearance of T2 (Chestnut tree) at Hospice Of Our Lady And St John, Milton Road, Willen.
15/02994/FUL	Prior notification for the change of use of offices (Use class B1) to one bedroom terraced dwelling (Use class C3) at Office 3 Clifton Court, 48 High Street, Newport Pagnell.
15/03006/TCA	Notification of intention for crown cleaning, reshaping, balancing and trimming of limbs by a maximum of 3 metres to Cedar tree at 26 Wolverton Road, Stony Stratford.
15/03070/TCA	Notification of intention to dismantle to ground level 1 x Cherry tree (T1) at 23 Horsefair Green, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
15/02974/TCA	Notification of intention to undergo full dead wood removal, crown thin of 30%, slight reshape and at least a crown raise of 3m on neighbour's side to T1 (Mature Ash) at 67-69 High Street, Olney.
15/03013/FUL	Change of use from office (use class B1) to residential (use class C3) including new door in location of existing window, replacement of existing entrance doors, walled private amenity space, new chimney flue and internal alterations at The Old Barn, 37 Vicarage Road, Stony Stratford .
15/03014/LBC	Listed building consent for change of use from office (use class B1) to residential (use class C3) including new door in location of existing window, replacement of existing entrance doors, walled private amenity space, new chimney flue and internal alterations at The Old Barn, 37 Vicarage Road, Stony Stratford.
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
15/03027/FUL	Single storey rear extension, rear conservatory, alterations to garage roof, detached greenhouse and minor alterations at Manor Farm, Simpson, Simpson.
15/03028/LBC	Listed building consent for single storey rear extension, rear conservatory, alterations to garage roof, detached greenhouse and minor alterations at Manor Farm, Simpson, Simpson.
SECTION 67	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING**
15/01074/OUT	Outline planning permission with some matters reserved (appearance, landscaping and scale) for the partial demolition and redevelopment of the Boulevard and Oak Court to provide a range of retail, financial and professional and restaurant (use classes A1, A2, A3 and A5) and leisure (use class D2) together with public realm and highway works at Intu, Midsummer Place, Central Milton Keynes.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

15/02953/MKCOD3	Single storey exhibition building, containing two exhibition areas, arrival space, reception space and WC facilities with associated car parking and landscaping at Milton Keynes Museum, Mcconnell Drive, Wolverton.
15/02972/FUL	The demolition of the existing buildings and erection of one building of up to eight storeys in height comprising 512m2 of commercial floorspace (Use Class A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1 or D1), an 84 m2 community area (Use Class D1) and ancillary uses at ground floor; and 146 residential apartments (Use Class C3) on upper floors; together with landscaped gardens, associated off road car and cycle parking, and associated works at Land At 809 To 811 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.

ANNA ROSE
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Introducing The New 2016 Infiniti Q50 Sports Saloon

The new 2016 Infiniti Q50 sports saloon is being launched with a number of performance and dynamic upgrades that deliver a more empowering and rewarding drive experience. The comprehensive updates include next-generation ride and handling technologies and all-new advanced turbocharged V6 powertrains.

Making its debut on an Infiniti is the company's second-generation Direct Adaptive Steering™, comprehensively modified from the ground-breaking first-generation system. The standard steering mode now offers advanced levels of steering feel and feedback – more akin to that of a conventional steering system.

The new Q50 also features Infiniti's Dynamic Digital Suspension (DDS) for the first time, which gives the sports saloon an optimal blend of ride comfort and class-leading response and agility. For those drivers looking for a blend of dynamic settings tailored to their own particular requirements and tastes, the Q50's Drive Mode Selector (DMS) can be augmented with a 'Personal' mode, which permits a bespoke mix of engine, suspension and steering characteristics.

Five powertrain options are offered with the Infiniti Q50, and for the 2016 model these include an advanced, all-new 3.0-litre V6 twin-turbo gasoline engine with direct injection. This new 'VR30' engine in Europe is available in only one state of tune: 400 hp – (300 hp also available for Middle East); developed to provide an ideal mix of drivability, efficiency and performance.

The Q50 was developed from the outset to showcase Infiniti's daring design, dynamic performance and class-leading technologies within the sports saloon segment. Now in its third year, Q50 global sales between January and October 2015 reached almost 50,000 cars – representing a 65% increase compared to the same period in 2014.

A range of new and innovative ride and handling technologies deliver on the promise of the Q50's daring design, and install confidence in all driving conditions.

Infiniti Q50 models equipped with the new 3.0-litre V6 twin-turbo engine, or the hybrid powertrain, come available with the second-generation Infiniti **Direct Adaptive Steering™**, which has undergone significant re-tuning to greatly enhance steering feel and feedback.

The changes to DAS – the world's first digital steering system – have been made following extensive consultation with existing Q50 customers around the world and over 625,000 miles of testing.

For the new second generation Direct Adaptive Steering, engineers have optimized the control logic to improve feedback from the road. They have fine-tuned parameters so that the default setting better mimics the feeling drivers are used to from conventional systems.

2.0-litre petrol and 2.2-litre diesel models are equipped with a speed-sensitive hydraulic electronic rack-and-pinion power steering system as standard. This increases assistance at low speeds and reduces assistance for enhanced feel and response at higher speeds.

2016 Q50 Sport models with 3.0 twin turbo powertrain are upgraded with **Dynamic Digital Suspension (DDS)** for the first time, which offers enhanced ride comfort with class-leading response and agility. The shift from a comfort-biased ride to enhanced dynamic response can be made when the driver places the electronically adjustable shock absorbers in either Sport or Sport+ modes (adjusted via the Drive Mode Selector), providing firmer damping control for more agile handling. While in these modes, the suspension is constantly adjusting to provide ideal performance and a flat ride.

The hybrid powertrain is designed to put performance first, while bringing significant benefits for fuel efficiency. It takes full advantage of the electric motor's instant torque for exceptional acceleration and, in combination with the 3.5-litre V6, provides an energetic feel under all driving conditions.

All Q50 powertrains are matched to an advanced seven-speed electronically controlled automatic transmission with manual shift mode and steering column-mounted magnesium paddle shifters.

Adaptive Shift Control enhances gear selection by using a lateral acceleration sensor to detect changes in the road, such as hills and turns. Sport mode allows the driver to select a more aggressive shift pattern with automatic up- and down-shifting at higher rpm. The combined effect is for any driver to enjoy quick, smooth shifts and gear choices that are appropriate to both the road and the desired driving style. The new Infiniti Q50 will go on sale in selected markets later in 2016.

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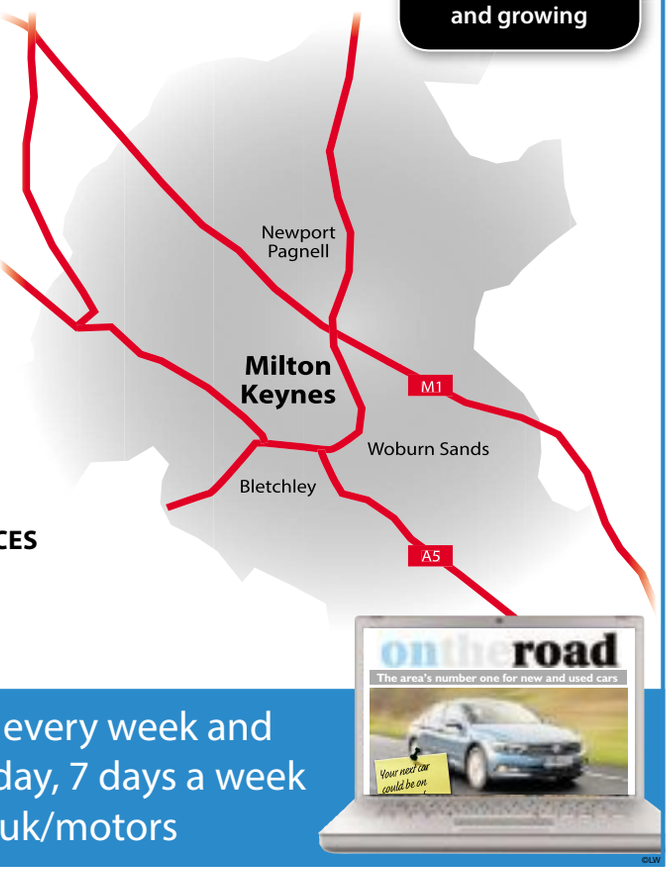

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Honda Civic Type R

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The Honda Civic Type R returns, this time with 310PS beneath the bonnet thanks to forced induction. Drive goes to the front wheels via a six-speed manual 'box, so no change there, but under the skin, this thing's rammed with trick bits. It looks the real deal.

The headline figures are undeniably impressive. Power comes courtesy of a direct-injected turbocharged 2.0 litre VTEC petrol engine, which really delivers a solid punch of both power and torque. Peak power output is 310PS at 6,500rpm, and peak torque is 400Nm at 2,500rpm. If you still associate hot Hondas with having no torque, it's time to recalibrate. Red-lining at 7,000rpm, the turbocharged four-cylinder engine catapults the Civic to 62mph in 5.7 seconds, which is extremely brisk for a front-wheel drive car. As indeed is the top speed of 167mph. A short-throw six-speed manual transmission will satisfy the purists and the car is equipped with a Brembo brake package, with 350mm drilled discs up front.

A four-point Adaptive Damper System has been developed and an advanced Dual Axis Strut Front Suspension system helps to reduce torque steer by 50%. At the rear, the Type R's H-shaped torsion beam suspension (which caused so much grumbling when the company abandoned a multi-link rear end) is further refined. Rear roll rigidity improves by 180%. There's also a '+R' button that, when activated, heightens engine responsiveness and alters the torque-mapping to a more aggressive and performance-focused setting. The electric power steering receives reduced power assistance and the damping force is increased by 30%. It's like Honda's take on BMW's M Button. That 7m50s Nurburgring lap time? Although it was achieved with a pre-production spec car, Honda reckons it can go even faster with a production Type R. That's faster than a 996-generation Porsche 911 GT3!

The Type R really amps up the otherwise slightly muted styling of the ninth-generation Civic. Honda's insistent that it's all functional and talks of the hours on the Nurburgring, being thrashed round the Takasu test track and forensic studies of the aerodynamics in the Sakura wind tunnel. A new, almost completely flat underside sucks the car onto the road and the rear wing, front splitter and deep side skirts are also demonstrably functional. Big grilles in the bumpers direct cooling air to the engine and brakes. The lightweight 19-inch alloy wheels look pretty mean with their 34-series rubber. The signature colour scheme is Championship White, but the Civic's also offered in pearlescent Crystal Black, metallic Polished Metal, metallic Brilliant Sporty Blue and Milano Red.

The cabin gets the trademark machined-alloy Type R gear lever. High-backed sports seats grip the front occupants with a suede-effect fabric offset by red double stitching. The red highlights continue across the leather-trimmed steering wheel and gearstick gaiter.

There's a lot of competition in this market sector. The Audi S3, Volkswagen Golf R and Ford Focus RS offer all-wheel drive grip and sledgehammer acceleration off the line, while the BMW M135i delivers rear-wheel drive handling beloved by purists. So where does that leave the front-wheel drive Civic Type R? It suddenly looks a bit conspicuous. Honda is a company that insists we judge on results rather than on engineering dogma. It has a point. Drive an old front-wheel drive Integra Type R against, say, a rear-wheel drive BMW E36 M3 from the same era and the Japanese car will always feel like the more exotic, exciting drive.

The latest Civic Type R makes a whole lot of impressive numbers but the acid test will come against its most talented European rivals. Something tells us that this British-built Honda will manage to inveigle itself into its own niche and feel quite unlike the rest of the field. Type Rs have always been something different, something very special and this one promises to be no different, turbo or otherwise.

FACTS AT A GLANCE

CAR: Honda Civic Type-R
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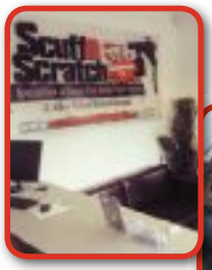

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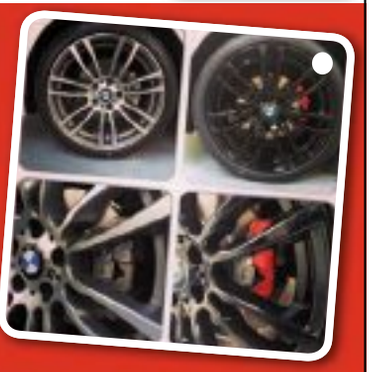

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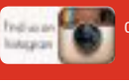

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Hall backs Maynard to bag goals

WINGER Rob Hall has backed his former West Ham United team-mate Nicky Maynard to get the goals that can keep MK Dons in the Championship.

Hall and Maynard were team-mates at Upton Park when they were both at the club in 2012, and they have been re-united this season at Dons.

Maynard missed a penalty in the 2-1 defeat at Nottingham Forest, but Hall has backed the striker to put that behind him and go on a run where he can bag goals.

"Nicky is alright – he's a grown man, a great professional and experienced," said Hall.

"He's upset about the penalty but he'll probably take the next one anyway – it's not like he missed the target because the keeper saved it. If we had put other chances away then we'd have drawn the game so it's not just Nicky.

"He has scored goals wherever he has gone and at West Ham he was scoring goals out of his normal position so I know he can score and so do all the lads.

"If people are patient with him once he gets two, three or four he can keep going and if we can keep supplying him hopefully he can go on a run."

Hall has impressed since his return to the team, with him playing in a central role during the victory over Sheffield Wednesday last Tuesday. Hall, who usually plays on the wing, says he doesn't mind where he plays.

"Every player wants to play – I picked up a little injury at a bad time and then the team was playing well so I can't complain if the team is playing well.

"It's different watching it from playing and it's a lot different to being out there – hopefully I can stay in the team and keep going on.

"I just like playing and I'm still learning – I just want to keep playing and starting."

FIXTURES

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JAN 2 LEEDS (A)
JAN 9 NORTHAMPTON (A) FAC3
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CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

			Home					Away						
	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Middlesbro'	22	8	2	1	17	2	6	2	3	16	10	21	46
2	Derby	22	6	4	1	21	8	6	4	1	12	5	20	44
3	Brighton	22	8	2	1	15	10	3	8	0	16	13	8	43
4	Hull	22	8	2	1	19	6	4	3	4	12	10	15	41
5	Burnley	22	7	2	2	21	11	3	6	2	9	9	10	38
6	Ipswich	22	3	5	3	13	12	6	2	3	18	17	2	34
7	Sheff Wed	22	6	4	1	19	10	2	5	4	13	17	5	33
8	Birmingham	22	4	2	5	10	13	5	4	2	17	10	4	33
9	Cardiff	22	6	4	1	17	10	2	5	4	10	13	4	33
10	Brentford	22	6	1	4	17	16	3	4	4	17	16	2	32
11	Reading	22	5	4	2	14	7	3	2	6	14	18	3	30
12	QPR	22	4	6	1	19	13	3	2	6	8	15	-1	29
13	Leeds	22	3	3	5	8	12	4	5	2	14	12	-2	29
14	Blackburn	22	3	6	2	11	7	3	4	4	11	12	3	28
15	Notts Forest	22	5	3	3	15	10	2	4	5	7	11	1	28
16	Preston	22	2	6	3	8	9	3	4	4	9	9	-1	25
17	Wolves	22	2	5	4	12	14	4	2	5	16	18	-4	25
18	Fulham	22	3	4	4	19	20	2	5	4	17	19	-3	24
19	Huddersfield	22	3	3	5	13	14	2	3	6	11	20	-10	21
20	Bristol City	22	2	4	5	12	19	2	4	5	9	19	-17	20
21	DONS	22	4	1	6	10	13	1	3	7	8	17	-12	19
22	Rotherham	22	3	2	6	15	20	2	1	8	9	18	-14	18
23	Charlton	22	3	4	4	13	18	1	2	8	6	20	-19	18
24	Bolton	22	1	8	2	11	12	0	3	8	7	21	-15	14

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning losing streak continues

BY PAUL BROOKMAN
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MK LIGHTNING slumped to their seventh defeat in eight home games when they were convincingly beaten 6-4 by Hull Pirates on Saturday.

In Lightning's only game of the weekend – and the last before Christmas – they were second best to an improved Hull side – a team that MK demolished 11-0 at MK Arena two months ago. Since then, only Manchester Phoenix have been defeated on home ice.

In recent weeks, Hull have brought in a new import net-minder, Martins Raitums, as well as new import forward, Pasi Salonen, together with Nathan Salem from Telford Tigers. Even so, the hosts would have expected to have taken the points.

Instead, the visitors edged in front early on and although Lightning were good enough to fight back to take the lead, the first session ended all square.

Three goals from only four shots on goal by Hull in the middle period proved to be Lightning's undoing and as the game went on the home outfit's passing degenerated to a level where they were unlikely to find a way to beat Raitums again.

In the final session it looked as though Pete Russell's men were trying too hard – desperate to get the pass away without looking who they were passing to. That meant Hull intercepted the puck and snuff out any danger. As the period went on it was clear that Lightning were running out of ideas about how to beat Hull.

Lightning have a double-header against Peterborough Phantoms on Boxing Day at home and away on December 27.

Home truths: MK Lightning have lost seven out of their last eight home games. Pic by Tony Sargent

SPORTS PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Rutherford misses out on award

GREG Rutherford missed out on winning the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award at a glittering ceremony in Belfast on Sunday night.

But even to have been among the 12 nominees was an incredible feat for the long jumper, who became only the fifth British athlete in history to simultaneously hold Olympic, Commonwealth, European and World titles after he won the latter in Beijing this summer.

Rutherford's girlfriend Susie Verrill took to the long jumper's Twitter to thank everybody for voting for him for the prestigious award.

She said: "Thank you so much for all your support, your tweets have been outstandingly kind. All your votes mean everything."

Rutherford himself said on Twitter: "Good night from Belfast. It's been a long but memorable day."

Rutherford finished ninth in the awards overall.

In the spotlight: Greg Rutherford. Pic by Niall Carson/PA

RUGBY UNION

Chipping Norton end winning run

MILTON Keynes failed to win a match for the first time this season as they were held to a 26-26 draw against mid-table Chipping Norton.

With the region's teams playing their final games of 2015 before the Christmas break, MK dropped to second in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Premier behind Gosford All Blacks having won their first 10 league matches of the season.

They have a mouth-watering trip to the leaders when the league resumes on Saturday, January 9.

Bletchley lost 26-11 at Reading Abbey in the Southern Counties North and they stay eighth in the division. Bletchley will be looking to move up the table when they re-convene with a home tie against second from bottom Thatcham.

Olney thumped Leicester Forest 55-26 in Midlands Two East (South), and their next game is a trip to title challengers Market Harborough in January.

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ATHLETICS

RACHEL Gibbens won bronze in the South of England Pentathlon Championships at the Lee Valley Centre. Her final score of 3422pts ranked her 3rd in the all-time Marshall Milton Keynes Athletics Club rankings. She ran 9.27 in the 60m hurdles and was equal first in the high jump with 1.71m. A throw of 9.67m put her down to third and she held onto that with a 5.30m long jump before 2.42.06 in the 800m gave her the bronze medal.

Subomi Onanuga competed in the Track Academy Sprint Challenge where he won his heat in a personal time of 6.94 which moved him to fifth place in the club all-time rankings for this distance.

Kelvin Smith was the winner of the annual Watchless Wolverton Five road race where competitors have to estimate their finishing time and run without a watch. Kelvin estimated 38.39 and ran 38.40, just one tenth of a second out. There was a triple tie for second as Hazel Cockerill, Karen Bugai and Vanessa Stride all clocked 49.53 against their estimate of 50.00. Jeremy Vick ran the fastest net time with 30.16 and Jonathan Peters was second quickest with 31.32.

TABLE TENNIS

GREENLEYS Monarchs increased their Milton Keynes Table Tennis League lead to four points after crushing third placed MK Kingpins 8-2. Only Mark Purcell and Julian Adams could halt the onslaught by beating Nigel Metcalfe, while the two Dans, Appanna and Smalley, came away with hat-tricks.

MK Spinners in second gave an outing to their famous super-sub Michael Wilkins this week and he duly saved their blushes against MK Walking Wounded, who led 4-0 but had to settle for a draw. Michael recorded a crucial win over Peter Banister while regulars Gareth Jones, on top form after a shaky start, and Alan Cherry bagged a brace a piece. Dave Murphy starred for WW with a brace himself including a win over Alan, still the most prized scalp in the league.

The 2011 champion Parveen Garg made his much-anticipated return to league this week for Greenleys Kings and was taken to deciding games by both Carl Furness and Terry Lau. However Kings got home 8-2 with maximums from Parveen and Guy Sparrow. After four consecutive 10-0 defeats this was a good result for Phoenix, with wins provided by Terry and Alan Bolding.

MK Sasaki beat MK Powers 6-4 thanks to braces from Thai-Anh Lieu and Ed Simms, and a first win of the season from Kelvin Choong.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town closed the gap with United Counties Premier Division leaders Leicester Nirvana to five points after a 1-0 victory at Harborough Town courtesy of a Sam O'Neill goal.

In Division One, Olney Town came from two goals down to win 3-2 at Lutterworth Athletic, with Aaron Murrell, Daniel Webb and Jack Weeden scoring.

In the Spartan South Midlands Division One, New Bradwell St Peter thrashed Brimsdown 6-1, while in Division Two, Stony Stratford Town beat Clean Slate 4-2 and Loughton Manor won 4-1 at Grendon Rangers. Wolverton Town beat The 61 FC (Luton) 4-3 and Old Bradwell United won 2-0 against Tring Corinthians.

BADMINTON

UNSEEDED Heather Olver and Lauren Smith lost 2-1 in sets to Malaysian top seeds Vivian Kah Mun Hoo and Khe Wei Woon in the Mexico City Grand Prix on Friday. Marcus Ellis and Chris Langridge, who were the fourth seeds for the tournament, saved two match points in their quarter final against unseeded Thai duo Bodin Issara and Nipitphon Puangpuapech before bowing out 21-15, 23-21.

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Memorable day for Greg Rutherford – page 51

Discipline and focus are the key this Christmas, says Dons goalie

BY SCOTT KIRK
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DONS goalkeeper David Martin says it is important for the team to maintain their focus over the busy Christmas period.

While the rest of us will be busy tucking into turkey and eating chocolate on Christmas Day, it is a much more refined occasion for footballers who have to make sure they are in top condition for the glut of games that come their way in December.

And goalkeeper Martin says that while the players are allowed to spend Christmas Day with their families, they still have plenty of preparation to do before the Boxing Day game.

"I think the gaffer is pretty good and he does give us the day off," said the Dons shot-stopper.

"You have to make sure you eat right and we will have GPS and heart monitors which will gauge how hard we have worked.

"It gets logged into a computer so they know how long you have been running for.

"We are professional footballers and you have got to be disciplined – that's the career we have chosen."

Dons entertain Cardiff City on Boxing Day before they travel to Birmingham City on Bank Holiday Monday, December 28.

They are two teams who are chasing hard for a Championship play-off berth this season, and while every point is critical to the Dons' effort this season, Martin believes that the first game in particular is crucial.

"Two games in quick succession can always be difficult and it depends how you get on in your first one because that can take a little bit of pressure off if you win the first one, although every point is vital.

"In the last couple of games we've played really well but we have said that all season and we need to pick up results now.

"We know we can beat everyone on our day but everyone needs to be firing on all cylinders and it's important for everyone to be top-notch and be disciplined."

At full stretch: David Martin, pictured making a save against Nottingham Forest on Saturday, says it's important to remain focused at Christmas

Top tips for less waste this Christmas

A handy A-Z Guide of festive recycling

Every Christmas family celebrations, special gifts and luxurious meals lead to excess waste being produced in our homes. However, not all of the extra waste generated at Christmas can be collected via our weekly service – here are some tips to help you recycle as much as you can this festive season, making your home a little greener this winter.

Advent calendars – Take out the plastic and foil insert which is difficult to recycle given the mix of materials, but put the cardboard in your pink sack.

Batteries – Buy rechargeable batteries and save pounds over the next year. Recycle dead batteries in the yellow bag on top of your green bin.

Cards – Reuse as gift tags next year or recycle at Marks and Spencer via the Woodland Trust, alternatively put them in your pink sack.

Decorations – Make your own from recycled materials.

E-cards – Save money and paper by sending virtual seasonal greetings to your loved ones.

Food – Write a shopping list to ensure you buy only what you need. Compost all food waste in your green bin.

Glass bottles – Use your blue box and we'll recycle them.

Holly and mistletoe – Compost these in your green bin.

Inkjet cartridges – Refill old cartridges, visit www.reuze.co.uk to find out where you can do this locally or take them to the Community Recycling Centres.

Junk mail – Recycle in your pink sack or sign up to reduce the amount you receive at www.mpsonline.org.uk

Kerbside collections – See the revised dates for Christmas waste collections overleaf.

Liquid food cartons – Put these in your pink sack.

Mobile phones – If you get an upgrade this Christmas, go online to find one of many services paying cash for mobiles.

New Year resolutions – Make a resolution this year that you can keep: recycle more, more often!

Old clothes – Make room for new clothes by taking unwanted items to a charity shop or local textile bank.

Polystyrene – Reuse as drainage at the bottom of plant pots.

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Sweet wrappers – These can't be recycled. Get the kids to use them in craft making.

Toys – Make room for new toys by taking unwanted ones to the charity shop or donate to a local playgroup.

Unwanted gifts – Give them away on Freecycle www.uk.freecycle.org/group/miltonkeynes

Vegetable peelings – Compost these in your green food and garden waste bin.

Wrapping paper – Avoid sticky tape by using string or ribbons so that paper can be recycled in your pink sack.

Xmas trees – Put out your used tree in the New Year (minus the decorations!) beside your green bin and we'll take it to be composted.

Yule log – Make sure you eat it all, don't waste food this Christmas. If you can't finish it, put it in your green bin.

Zzzzz – After all the fun you'll want to sleep. Make sure you turn off all your electrical equipment. By leaving the TV on standby you're creating 20Kg of carbon every year.

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Normal collection date	**Revised collection date**
Christmas Eve	Collections as Normal
Christmas Day	Tuesday 29 December

NEW YEAR WEEK	
Normal collection date	**Revised collection date**
Monday 28 December	Wednesday 30 December
Tuesday 29 December	Thursday 31 December
Wednesday 30 December	Saturday 2 January
New Year's Eve	Monday 4 January
New Year's Day	Tuesday 5 January

FIRST WEEK IN JANUARY	
Normal collection date	**Revised collection date**
Monday 4 January	Wednesday 6 January
Tuesday 5 January	Thursday 7 January
Wednesday 6 January	Friday 8 January
Thursday 7 January	Saturday 9 January
Friday 8 January	Monday 11 January

SECOND WEEK IN JANUARY	
Normal collection date	**Revised collection date**
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